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#### ABSTRACT

The development of a survey program for determining the fire loads and live loads in office buildings is described. Considerations involved in planning the program which is directed toward establishing the factors affecting the loads in buildings are presented. The type of data to be collected and a data collection technique which utilizes visually observed information on the characteristics of building content items to determine weight are discussed. Procedures employed to select buildings to be included in a nation-wide office building load survey being conducted by the National Bureau of Standards and a sampling plan for selecting rooms to be surveyed in these buildings are also discussed.

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#### SI Conversion Units

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#### Length

1 in = 
$$0.0254*$$
 meter  
1 ft =  $0.3048*$  meter

#### Area

$$1 in^2 = 6.4516* \times 10^{-4} meter^2$$
  
1 ft<sup>2</sup> = 0.09290 meter<sup>2</sup>

#### Force

$$1 \text{ 1b (1bf)} = 4.448 \text{ newton}$$

#### Pressure, Stress

$$1 \text{ psi} = 6895 \text{ newton/meter}^2$$

#### Thermal

1 Btu = 
$$1.054 \times 10^3$$
 joule

<sup>\*</sup> Exactly

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This report is being released by NBS at this time to elicit comments from the scientific and technical community. The final report will be transmitted to the National Academy of Sciences along with other reports to be developed by NBS as part of the Fire Loads and Live Loads in Office Buildings Program. The program of which this work is a part is being sponsored by the Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration, under contract between GSA and the Academy.

#### 1.1 Background

The design of safe economical structures requires consideration of both loading and resistance (1)\*. Loads can be defined as those elements of the environment which cause stresses in the structure. They may be classified as dead load such as load attributed to the weight of the structure, externally caused loads such as earthquake and wind loads, and live loads resulting from the intended use of the structure which include items moved into the structure by the occupant. Fire load or the weight of the combustible contents may generally be considered part of the latter load category. Portions of the dead load, however, such as interior finish materials for floors, walls etc. are also considered as part of the fire load. Resistance or strength refers to the ability of the structure to resist the loading and perform its intended function.

Although considerable information exists relative to characterizing structural resistance including the behavior of building components subjected to fire, and loads resulting from winds, earthquakes and wave forces, only limited data exist for fire loads and live loads resulting from the intended use of the structure. Also, most existing load survey data deals primarily with fire load which is only one aspect of the overall fire problem. Information on the nature of combustible contents (wood, metal, etc.), how they are distributed within rooms, the manner in which the type of occupancy affects these loads and the distribution of loads throughout the building are all important components in the systems approach to fire safety in buildings (51).

Most building codes treat the design problem in a deterministic fashion, i.e. loads and structural resistance are specified as single valued quantities with no indication of variability, although the probabilistic nature of both the loading and resistance are implicitly recognized in the design process. The current trend in the United States and

<sup>\*</sup> Figures in brackets refer to references listed in Chapter 5.

abroad in the development of improved design codes involves explicit consideration of the variability of load and resistance (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7). One such effort involves incorporation of probability concepts for load factor design of steel buildings (8, 9).

Consideration of the variable nature of loads and resistance requires sufficient information for their statistical characterization. Proposed first order probabilistic approaches for structural design (5) and fire resistant design (6) utilize mean values and coefficients of variation. A summary of load surveys conducted during the period from 1891-1971 has been presented by Heaney (10). Based on a review of these surveys, Heaney concluded "...not one investigator has presented data in a form suitable for most useful statistical analysis to be readily applied." The need still exists, therefore, for more load survey information (20). This is particularly true in view of the significant magnitude of the fire problem in the United States. Although fire load is only part of the fire problem, information on fire loads and the type of combustible contents in buildings is important in developing approaches to reduce the fire hazard. The report of the National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control for example, recommended that "the fuel (fire) load study sponsored by the General Services Administration and conducted by the National Bureau of Standards be expanded to update the technical study of occupancy fire loads" (21). Data on the frequency distribution of occupancy live loads and fire loads is also required for application of probabilistic approaches to design.

The National Bureau of Standards (NBS), and the General Services Administration (GSA) have long recognized the need to measure live loads and fire loads in structures. Surveys of fire loads in residences, offices, schools, medical buildings and a few mercantile buildings were conducted by NBS during the period from 1928 to 1940 (11). An enlarged survey was made of the combustible contents of mercantile and manufacturing buildings in 1947 (12). Similarly, studies of occupancy live loads in buildings were conducted by the Public Buildings Administration (GSA) (13). More recently, NBS has conducted live load and fire load surveys in office buildings and postal facilities (14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19).

In 1973 NBS undertook a project to determine fire loads and live loads in office buildings and educational facilities. The project was an outgrowth of the load survey program initiated at NBS in 1967. The purpose of this report is to describe the procedures and techniques adopted to carry out the work for office buildings.

#### 1.2 Project Objectives

The objectives of the project are:

. . . to collect fire load and live load data, to create an extensive computerized data bank, and, utilizing that data, to develop, refine and apply probabilistic models for predicting current and future loading conditions for ensuring life safety and property protection in office buildings and educational facilities.

The project involves determining the factors which affect the loads and establishing mathematical models expressing the relationship between these factors and loads.

In developing the procedures for collecting and analyzing load data, the objective was to establish methods which would be applicable to a wide class of buildings of differing occupancy type. Efficient, reliable and economic data collection was also of concern. The material presented in this report is concerned with loads in office buildings. Parallel studies, for example, are currently underway at NBS to determine fire loads and live loads in residential structures and mobile homes.

The results obtained from this work may be used to update existing design load provisions in standards and codes. In addition, the information should be useful in research studies concerned with the structural performance of buildings under live loads and the performance under fire conditions.

#### 1.3 Organization of Report

The general considerations involved in planning the overall survey program and specific details of the procedures adopted to carry out the survey are included in this report.

Chapter 2 discusses the planning of the survey program including the scope of activities.

Chapter 3 describes the survey techniques adopted for this project including the type of data to be collected, data collected techniques and the data processing procedures.

Appendix A deals with the problem of the accuracy with which the position of the loads in a structure need to be measured and the criteria adopted for this survey.

Appendix B includes the field survey forms and instructions for collecting the data.

#### 2. CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED IN PLANNING SURVEY

#### 2.1 General

As indicated, the objective of this project was to collect fire and live load data and determine the extent to which various factors may affect these loads in office buildings. This dictated the type of data collection required. The scope of the project and the type of data to be collected based on this objective are discussed in the following sections.

#### 2.2 Project Scope

The scope of the project evolved from planning activities initiated at NBS several years ago. A comprehensive survey program for office buildings was developed by Cornell (22) and summarized in a paper by Greene (23). Although certain modifications were introduced following initiation of the project, the work by Cornell formed the basis for this project.

The type of loading considered was limited to fire loads and live loads resulting from the intended use of the building. This included furniture, equipment, and other items brought in for the service of the occupants after construction of the building. The weight of the occupants is not included as part of the live load. Walls and full height partitions, including removable partitions, affixed to the floor and ceiling system, doors and windows were not considered for the case of live load or fire loads. Combustible finish materials, including paneling, paint and wallpaper for walls and full height partitions, ceiling and flooring finish materials and trim such as wooden molding on walls, doors, and windows were included only for fire loads. Loads due to partial height partitions used to subdivide larger areas into work stations were included for both fire and live loads.

The areas within buildings for which loads were considered were restricted to offices and related work areas. Corridors, lavatories, mechanical equipment facilities, elevators, etc., were not included. Similarly, basements (i.e., the portion of the building completely below grade) were also not included. Although loads for these areas are important, it was not feasible to include these in the scope of this project.

Load magnitudes in this survey were determined for a single point in time, i.e., the loads present at the time of the survey. For office buildings, as with any structure, loads vary with time. A schematic representation of this time variation is shown in Fig. 1. The total load can be considered to be composed of a sustained load component and transient loads. Note that both the sustained and transient loads vary with time. Small changes in the sustained load occur as a result of daily or short term fluctuation. Considerably larger and longer duration changes occur as a result of changes in the type of occupancy in portions of the building or the entire building, remodeling, etc. Transient loads occur at discrete points in time during the life of the structure and are usually short duration type loads. For design purposes both types of loading and their combinations are important.

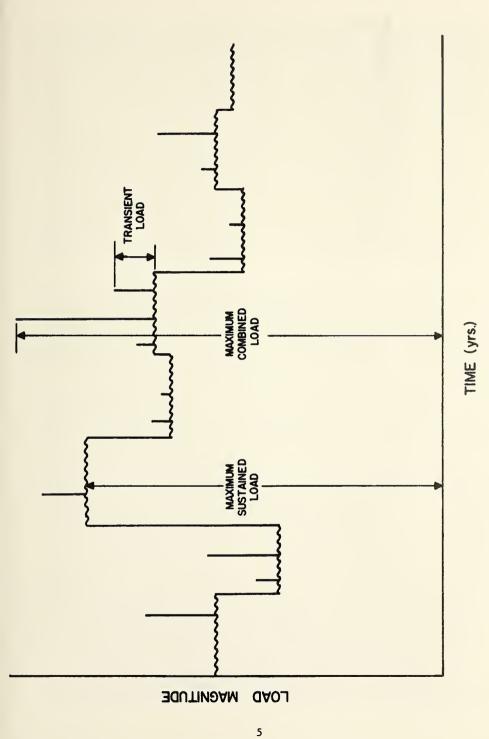


Fig. 1 Loading Time History

Several alternatives exist for determining the loading time history. The first and obvious procedure involves conducting several surveys over a period of time to measure the load changes. Special considerations would be involved in planning such surveys to insure obtaining data on short duration transient loads. The second, less accurate procedure, involves incorporation of judgment of the time variation effects in a survey conducted at one point in time. Interviews of occupants to determine their estimates of previous loads including large, short duration loads in an attempt to reconstruct the load time history is used in this approach. As noted by Cornell (22), the difficulty with this procedure is the potential sensitivity of the results to personal judgment and the combination of quantitative or directly measured survey load data and qualitative data based on judgment. Time variations may also be dealt with analytically. Assuming the variation of loads with time is a stationary process, load changes with time may be determined using results obtained from a survey conducted at one point in time. Karman (24) has used this procedure for determining the maximum sustained loading in Fig. 1 and Pier (26) generalized the concept for transient extraordinary loads. The load models proposed by Cornell for this project (22) involve similar assumptions.

In view of the above considerations, it was decided not to include occupant interviews, i.e., subjective judgment to reconstruct the loading time history. Since a permanent record of the data collected in the project will be maintained, the buildings surveyed could be monitored over time in subsequent follow-up surveys. The data collection forms and instructions for conducting the survey discussed in the next chapter and the computer software developed for data analysis will substantially reduce the effort involved in any such subsequent surveys.

Loads will be determined for only some of the rooms in the surveyed buildings in accordance with a sampling plan. Most previous load surveys have involved weighing and total sampling of all the floor area within the buildings surveyed. In view of the expense involved in such thorough data collection, these previous surveys were restricted to a limited number of buildings. Since the objective of this survey is to determine the factors affecting the loads in office buildings and it was assumed that some of these factors are related to building characteristics, (e.g., building height, geographic location, etc.), it was necessary to include a large number of buildings in the survey. To reduce the field effort involved it was, therefore, decided to survey only a selected sample of rooms within any one building. General information, however, will be obtained for all areas in the building. This permits extrapolating the results obtained from the surveyed rooms to other areas of similar use. Thus in analyzing the survey data it will be possible to study the loads in the entire building as well as the basic data from the surveyed rooms. Procedures adopted for selecting rooms to survey are discussed in Chapter 3. The survey data and the mathematical models discussed by Cornell (22) can then be used to calculate loads in the unsurveyed rooms. Following this, studies of the total loading in the building can be conducted. 89

The considerations involved in selecting the type of data to be collected included: (1) obtaining the information of interest to fire protection engineers in connection with fire severity and the magnitude

and distribution of live loads for structural engineering purposes, and (2) obtaining information on the factors assumed to affect loads in office buildings. It is important to note that this second consideration involved considerable judgment in selecting the factors of interest (22). The survey program was structured, therefore, into two phases with the first phase, Phase I, designed to identify the important factors in the list of all factors initially judged to be potentially significant in this regard. The second phase, Phase II, concentrated on these important factors. Twenty-five buildings were included in the Phase I survey and 75 buildings in Phase II. Prior to initiating the survey of the 25 buildings, the survey techniques were pretested in a survey of the 12 story NBS Administration building shown in Fig. 2.

A summary and analysis of the data obtained from this pretest will be included in a subsequent report.

#### 2.3 Data Requirements

The survey data may be grouped into the following three general categories

- 1. Building characteristic data
- 2. Building occupancy data
- 3. Room data

Building characteristic data - Data collected on the buildings surveyed included:

- 1. Building location state
- 2. Age of building years
- 3. Height of building number of stories above ground level
- 4. Type of vertical load resisting system column or bearing wall
- Floor plan layout classification of all areas in the building according to functional use and location of these areas (geometric coordinates)

Building occupancy data - These data included:

- Occupancy type classification by building tenant (government, private or both)
- Firm data location (floor and room) and classification and age (occupancy duration) of the individual firms occupying the building.

Room data - For the survey rooms these data included:

- Room use type of functions performed in room (file room, clerical office, etc.)
- 2. Room size length, width and height
- 3. Dimensions and locations of doors and windows
- 4. Type of content items furniture, equipment, etc.
- Properties of content items material type, dimensions, identifying characteristics, exposure, compaction
- 6. Normal number of occupants

NBS Administration Building--used to pretest survey techniques Fig.

Data on room use and room size were also obtained for the unsurveyed rooms and other areas including corridors, stairs, and elevators.

The specific data collected and the use of the data are discussed in Chapter 3.

#### SURVEY METHODOLOGY

#### 3.1 General

The survey data, the data collection procedure and data processing are described in this chapter. Prior to discussing these, a new survey technique developed in this project for rapidly and inexpensively collecting the data will be described.

#### 3.2 Development of Inventory Survey Technique

Previous load surveys were primarily concerned with live loads although some information was obtained on fire loads. For live loads the weight of content items was of primary concern and direct weighing was employed using specially designed apparatus. With fire loads, however, other characteristics relative to combustibility such as material type, surface area, volume, exposure, etc., are important. Ideally, load surveys should also obtain data which will permit estimation of potential rates of heat release and smoke generation. For large surveys, costs and time involved in direct weighing are considerable. In addition, the weighing operations is disruptive of the normal business operations conducted in rooms surveyed.

Recognizing the above, it was decided to develop an inventory survey technique employing the collection of visual data, i.e., observable physical characteristics of the various content items, from which weight information could be obtained. Previous surveys have used this concept to a limited extent. Blackall (44, 45) for example recorded the types of items in offices and obtained the load by assigning weight values to the various types of items. Mitchell (27) and Bryson and Gross (15) used manufacturers' lists and a catalog of photographs to identify and code items to obtain weight for some items. The technique utilizing the collection of visual data has several advantages. First, the data collected is useful both for determining fire loads and the parameters of interest relative to fire severity and also for determining live loads. Second, the data collection operation provides a minimum disruption of business activity. Third, it should be more rapid, i.e., less field time is involved and special equipment is not required. Finally, a minimal amount of training of the survey crews would be required. Such a technique should also facilitate the collection of data over the long period of time required to establish the time variation of loads since it may be possible to have the building occupants periodically complete the data forms themselves.

The concept of developing an inventorying survey technique involved the assumption that a relationship existed between the visual characteristics of items and their weight. This relationship can be viewed as a transfer function or formula for weight expressed in terms of physical characteristics. Such relationships exist for mass produced items made in accordance with certain types of standards. Manufacturers of office furniture and equipment were contacted, therefore, to determine if industry-wide standards existed. It was determined that although no explicit standards currently exist, they are being developed. However, some implicit standardization does exist. Recognizing this, it was decided to use available information from manufacturers' catalogs to develop

the required transfer functions. In addition, because a wide variety of types of items may be found in offices, it was decided to develop transfer functions only for commonly occurring items. These include: paper, books, desks, tables, seating, shelving cabinets, telephones, typewriters and calculators. For less common items it was decided to resort to estimating the weight during conduct of the survey.

To develop the transfer functions, manufacturers were contacted to identify those characteristics which significantly influence the weight of the items noted above. Data obtained from catalogs was also used. A building block approach was used in establishing the transfer functions by assuming that the weight of an item was obtained by adding the weights of the various components. For desks, for example, the total weight would consist of the basic weight of the frame and top plus the weight of the individual drawers. An alternate approach in which an attempt was made to establish functional relationships between weight and a single parameter such as surface area did not appear advisable since the catalog data indicated somewhat distinct weight groupings for particular classes of items. After identifying these characteristics or the form of the transfer functions, weight information was collected to obtain quantitative values. In some cases manufacturers' catalogs were used. Where this was not sufficient, additional data obtained by direct weighing of items was supplied by the manufacturers.

To insure that the data were representative, weight data were obtained from both large and small manufacturers. Manufacturers applying both private companies and government facilities were included. In each case, specific data were obtained from a sufficient number of manufacturers to insure that at least 50% of the total sales volume for the particular item was represented. Based on conversations with manufacturers, these data were determined to be representative of most of the office furniture market. Although the data was obtained for currently produced items and styles, industry representatives indicated that it was valid for older items. For example, although furniture styles have changed over the years, the basic weights have been constant for at least 30 years.

It was not anticipated that unique numerical values would be obtained for the terms in the transfer functions, but rather a range of values for each term. For example, it is obvious that the weight of all wood tables of a particular size group are not the same. Identification of the significant distinguishing characteristics between items of a particular class and grouping in sufficiently small classifications will, however, minimize the range over which the weights vary.

The range of numerical values for the various distinguishing characteristics of office furniture and equipment is given in Tables 1 through 7. The number of observations or the number of items of furniture with weights in this range encountered in the catalogs is also given. Note that the characteristics used for the items in the tables consist of physical characteristics such as material type, type of drawers, etc., and dimensions. The dimensional characteristics have been expressed in terms of surface area size groups. Minimization of the weight range was used as the basis for selecting these groups. Other groupings could have been used and in some cases the data in

TABLE 1 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR DESKS

	Wood		Material Type Wood					
Pedestal	Double		Pedeštal	Single			Desk Type	
9.6-12	7-9.5	>14.6	12.1-14.5	9.6-12	7-9.5		Surface Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	
TI E O C	T E D C	TIE O C	TI E D C	TI M O O	77 M O O		Manufacturer	
211 123 -	- 114 -	317 143 125 194	180 125 112 186	172 - 77	99 72	Min.	Catalog Weight Range (1b)	
226 145	- 114 -	317 190 152 194	298 190 132 190	172 108 -	134 72	Max.	alog Range b)	
123	114	125	112	77	72	Min.	Catalog Minimum and Maximum for Surface Area Group (1b)	
226	114	317	298	172	134	Max.	Minimum mum for e Area (1b)	
29	ω	97	208	17	. 18		Number of Observations	
211 123	1 1 1 1	317 143 152 194	180 125 122 186	172	107	Min.	80% of Sales Volume Weight Range (1b)	
226 123	1 1 1 1	317 190 152 194	298 190 132 190	172	107	Max.	of Olume Range	

TABLE 1 SUMMARY OF DATA USED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR DESKS (Continued)

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80% of es Volum ght Rang (1b)	Max.	238 270 156 225	297 242 220 249	1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1	236
80% of Sales Volume Weight Range (1b)	Min.	238 141 148 222	250 161 185 226			1 1 1 1	- 227 -
Number of Observations		216	476	2	1	41	87
Catalog Minimum and Maximum for Surface Area Group (1b)	Max.	324	389	111	ı	234	279
	Min.	131	153	111	1	129	169
Catalog Weight Range (1b)	Max.	238 270 324 225	297 264 389 249	- 111	1 1 1 1	226 234 -	279 272 -
Cata Weight (1b	Min.	238 131 148 222	250 153 185 226		1 1 1 1	129 224 -	169 252
Manufacturer		ООШЬ	ب <u>۵</u> ت	OBF	СОШК	υOШL	C D F
Surface Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )		12.1-14.5	>14.6	7-9.5	9.6-12	12.1-14.5	>14.6
Desk Type		Double	Pedestal (Continued)		Legs		
Material Type	Material Type				Pood.		

TABLE 1 SUMMARY OF DATA USED TO DEVELOP
TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR DESKS (Continued)

		Me ta 1					Meta1				Me ta l		Material Type			
	9	legs				Pedestal	Double			Pedestal	Single			Desk Type		
≥14.6	12.1-14.5	9.6-12	/-9.0	7 0 5	>14.6	12.1-14.5	9.6-12	7-9.5	>14.6	12.1-14.5	9.6-12	7-9.5		Surface Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )		
ВА	A B	A B	Β.			В	A B	A	В	A B	A B	В		Manufacturer		
204	- 147	1 1	1	165	157	114 162	<b>121</b> 153	1 1	142 163	104 138	117 129	81 123	Min.	Catalog Weight Range (1b)		
211	183	1 1	-	227	215	194 195	178 167	1 1	208 187	175 181	178 153	128 153	Max.	Catalog ght Range (1b)		
204	147				157	114	121	1	142	104	117	81	Min.	Catalog Minimum and Maximum for Surface Area Group (1b)		
211	183	-			227	195	178	1	208	181	178	153	Max.	Minimum mum for e Area (1b)		
60	200	1		-	207	204	59	1	98′	366	66	135		Number of Observations		
- 402	147		1	165	171	155 162	142 153	1 1	154 163	131 138	137 153	109 123	Min.	80% of Sales Volume Weight Range (1b)		
- 210	182	1 1	1	227	208	194 195	142 167	1 1	171 187	173 181	137 153	128 153	Max.	of Volume Range		

TABLE 2 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR TABLES

Number of Observations		. 34	15	10	6		5	9	5
Minimum um (1b)	Max.	123	158	158	202	202	246	312	361
Catalog Minimum and Maximum (1b)	Min.	42	50	75	25	92	105	251	361
og kange	Max.	80 123 42 60	90 158 50 75	90 158 - 75	95 202 57 99	95 202 -	246 105	312	361
Catalog Weight Range (1b)	Min.	80 53 45	90 123 50 75	90 114 75	95 176 57 90	95 202 	216 105	251	361
Manufacturer		ООШЬ	ООШЬ	ООШЬ	ООШК	OОШЬ	C E E D C	C B B B	ООШЬ
Surface Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )		4-9	9.11-1.9	12-12.5	12.6-15.9	16-18	18.1-26.9	27-44.9	>45
Table Type						Pedestal			
Material Type						Nood			

TABLE 2 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR TABLES (Continued)

			Wood						Material Type					
	Legs													
>45	27-44.9	18.1-26.9	16-18	12.6-15.9	12-12.5	9.1-11.9	4-9		Surface Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )					
mm o C	ππυΩ	C D F	TI III O C	mm D C	T E O	C D F	C D F		Manufacturer					
282	195 185 215 128	130 150 124 97	95 88 100	112 79 97 79	90 70 62 51	82 40 58	25 31 38 37	Min.	Catalog Weight Range (1b)					
537	210 374 215 174	180 233 132 126	150 145 123 105	150 119 114 92	130 106 79 51	90 79 62	80 40 97 48	Max.	log Range o)					
282	128	97	88	79	51	40	25	Min.	Catalog Minimum and Maximum (1b)					
537	374	233	150	150	130	90	97	Max.	finimum m (1b)					
6	47	48	45	37	36	8	69		Number of Observations					

TABLE 2 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTIONS FOR TABLES (Continued)

	Number of Observations		24	12	9	9	48	54	54	09	42	99	30	9
	linimum m (15)	Max.	48	69	73	74	65	82	91	109	125	168	565	445
rilliaeu)	Catalog Minimum and Maximum (1b)	Min.	33	58	73	74	40	95	1/	84	107	011	213	445
וטט) נששמר	log Range )	Max.	48	69	73	74 -	65 50	82 78	91 82	109 87	125 119	1 <b>68</b> 110	265	445
101 210	Catalog Weight Range (1b)	Min.	33	58	73	74	40 48	67 56	79 71	92 84	117 107	128 110	213	445
ing its controls for the controllined	Manufacturer		Αæ	W 74	VΨ	Α 80	<b>Α</b> 80	B A	B A	Κ &	Α 80	8 A	8 A	A B
	Surface Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )		4-9	9.11-1.9	12-12.5	12.6-15.9	4-9	9.11-1.9	12-12.5	12.6-15.9	16-18	18.1-26.9	27-44.9	<u>-45</u>
	Table Type			Pedestal					<b>L</b>	L Gos				
	Material Type			Mp ta 1						Metal				

TABLE 2 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP
TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR TABLES (Continued)

	Plastic			Material Type
	Legs			Table Type
16-18	12-12.5	4-9		Surface Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )
D	D	D		Manufacturer
128	97	64	Min.	Catalog Weight Range (1b)
128	97	88	Max.	log Range
128	97	64	Min.	Catalog Minimum and Maximum (1b)
821	97	88	Max.	Minimum mm (1b)
4	4	14		Number of Observations

TABLE 3 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS

	Number of Observations		6	2	4	4	l	2	8	3	42	
			80	26	112	158	230	120	88	114		
	Cataloa Minimum and Maximum (1b) Min.		09	6	101	110	230	120	78	114	150	
513	og Range	Max.			112	158	230	120	188   1	 114 	 156	
V FUR CABINE	Catalog Weight Range (1b)	Min.	09		101	110	230	120	78	 114 	  150	
KANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS	Manufacturer		E 6	шо	шс	шс	шс	шσ	ООШЕб	O C <b>m</b> F G	ОСЫГС	
	Surface Area		2-2.9	3-3.9	4-4.9	> 2	3-3.9	5-2.9	3-3.9	4-6.9	7-9.9	
	Height (in)			20-35.9			45-55.9	> 56		19-27.9		
	Cabinet Type File							A11 Purpose				
Material Type Wood												

TABLE 3 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS (Continued):

	Wood											
			All Purpose				Cabinet Type					
≥ 70		50-69.9		28-34.9			Height (in)					
7-9.9	4-6.9	2-2.9	≥12	10-11.9	7-9.9	4-6.9	Surface Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )					
<b>о</b> т п D C o	ттос	G 7 E O O	<b>⊕</b> те ⊃ С	ஓ <b>ஈ⊞ O</b> C	a Free D C	ഒഎണ∪റ	Manufacturer					
371	332	84 84	229 315 	172 182  130	132 96 151 	117 65 133 	Cataloq Weight Range (lb)					
371	332  	106 	229 317	172 172 260  140	208 220 244 	149 158 163 	oq Range Max.					
371	332	84	229	130	96	65	Catalo and Ma Min.					
371	332	106	317	260	244	163	Catalog Minimum and Maximum (1b)					
1 5 5		22	62	50	Number of Observations							

TABLE 3 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS (Continued)

Cabinet         Height         Surface         Manufacturer         Weight Range         Catalog Minimum (1b)           Type         (1n)         (ft²)         Max.         Min.         Max.         Min.           Card         2-2.9         F            40           Card         3         G         50         105         50           Card         272         272         272         272         272			 		_			
Cabinet         Height         Area Area         Manufacturer Manufacturer         Lotalog Minimum (1b)         Catalog Minimum (1b)           Type         (1n)         (ft²)         Min.         Max.         Min.           And         And         And         And         And           Card         -2.2.9         F              Card         3         G         50         50           F         50         105         50           F         572         272         272	Number of Observations			4		က		m
Cabinet Height Area Manufacturer Catalog  Type (1n) (ft²) Manufacturer Weight Range (1b)  (ft²) Min. Max.  2-2.9 G 40 80  card <20 3 G 50 105	og Minimum imum (1b)	Max.		80		105		019
Card $< 20$ Surface Manufacturer (in) (ft <sup>2</sup> ) (ft <sup>2</sup> ) $< 20$ Solution (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Catalo and Max	.uiM		40		20		272
Card $< 20$ Surface Manufacturer (in) (ft <sup>2</sup> ) (ft <sup>2</sup> ) $< 20$ Solution (ft <sup>2</sup> )	og kange l	Max.	;	80		105	272	610
Card can reight Surface Area (1n) (ft <sup>2</sup> ) (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Catalc Weight R	Min.	;	40	:	20	272	200
Card can	Manufacturer		LL	9	1	. 5	Ŀ	G
Card	Surface Area	(11)		2-2.9		က		c
	Height (1n)	,			/ 20	,		> 45
ype ood	Cabinet Type					Card		
Mat T	Material Type					Mood		

			Meta1				Material Type
			File				Cabinet Type
		20-35.9			12-19.9		Height (in)
[v ග	4-4.9	3-3.9	2-2.9	ا۷ ن	4-4.9	3-3.9	Surface Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )
A B	A B G	А В	A B G	B G	A B	G B A	Manufacturer
129		79 100 66	 38	35 5	73	1 1 6	Catalog Weight Range (1b) Min. Max
129	 	1.04 122 131	 59	85 	73	1 1 60	og Range ) Max.
129	116	66	38	85	73	60	Catalo and Max Min.
129	116	131	59	85	73	60	Catalog Minimum and Maximum (1b)
7	1	25	10	1	7	_	Number of Observations

TABLE 3 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS (Continued)

TABLE 3 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS (Continued)

Number of Observations		14	20	ı	1	14	25			
(dly)	Max.	154	168	167	185	188	210			
Catalog Mir and Maximum	Min.	88	66	167	185	115	152			
og Range J	Мах.	111 154 88	151 168 99	767  	185 	 188 115	203 210 			
Catalog Weight Range (1b)	Min.	111 154 88	121 142 99	167	185	174 115	152 174 			
Manufacturer		4 E D	Z B D	V B U	V B O	A B D	A G			
Surface Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )		2-2.9	3-3.9	4-4.9	> 5	2-2.9	3-3.9			
Height (1n <mark>)</mark>			36-44.9							
Cabinet Type				F. 1.						
Material Type				Metal						

	Material Type							
	Cabinet Type							
		' 56		(continued)	45-55.9	Height (in)		
<u>'</u> 5	4-4.9	3-3.9	2-2.9		4-4.9	Surface Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )		
A B G	A B	A B G	A B	я <b>В</b>	ភ B B	Manufacturer		
315	283	174 210 153	200 142	257	233	Catalog Weight Range (1b) Min. Max.		
315	283	258 246 153	223 142	257	233	Range Max.		
315	283	153	142	257	233	Catalog and Max Min.		
315	283		223	257	233	Catalog Minimum and Maximum (1b)		
1	_	20	12		1	Number of Observations		

TABLE 3 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS (Continued)

TABLE 3 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS (Continued)

	Number of Observations		4	4	3	9	3	31	56	80	-			
	Catalog Minimum and Maximum (1b)	Max.	30	20	174	45	29	136	588	211	262			
en)	Catalo and Ma	Min.	27	36	148	75	55	09	96	154	292			
Els (collection	og Range	Max.	30	50	174	45	 89	113 136 	175 289 	211	262			
I FUR CABIN	Catalog Weight Range (1b)	Min.	 22	36 	148	42 	 99	22 09	95 140	154 	262 			
IKANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS (CONCINUED)	Manufacturer		C B A	A C	A C	A C	∢ æ ∪	A & O	A C	B C	A C			
	Surface Area (f+ <sup>2</sup> )	( 3.1)	2-2.9	6.9-4	6*6-2	2-2.9	3-3.9	4-6.9	6.6-7	10-11.9	Z1 <del>&lt;</del>			
	Height	(14)		19-27.9		28-34.9								
	Cabinet Tvoe			A11 Purpose										
	Material Type	3	Metal											

Material Type Metal A11 Purpose Cabinet Type 50-69.9 35-49.9 Height (in) **>** 70 4-6.9 Surface Area<sub>2</sub> (ft<sup>2</sup>) 3-3.9 2-2.9 4-6.93-3.9 2-2.9 4 - 6.93-3.9 2-2.9 Manufacturer CBACBACBA CBACBA OBA CBACBA Catalog Weight Range (1b) Min. 86 120 170 136 95 75 117 71 99 Max. 86 159 210 122 131 153 71 78 81 82 Catalog Minimum (lb) and Maximum 120 86 71 75 95 99 71 8 52 Max. 210 122 109 153 78  $\frac{\infty}{2}$ 82 53 Observations Number of 8 12 15 4 4 4 4 2 2

TABLE 3 SIMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS (Continued)

TABLE 3 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS (Continued)

	lumber	of Observations		30	9	4	rv.	9	9	J.	2	က	m	J.	2
			Max.	24	26	224	247	284	345	360	365	470	505	625	099
		Catalog Minimum and Maximum (1b)	Min.	5	21	108	104	129	270	270	275	370	415	470	545
		nge	Max.	24 18		224 108	212 247	28 <b>4</b> 149	284 345	360 320	365 360	470 450	505 440	625 585	099
	Catalog	Weight Range (1b)	Min.	13		210 108				270 300					
		Manufacturer		മധ	හ ග	B 5	ත ය	ත ග	a c	ᄕᇰ	ır o	IL G	ır c	ъ. 5	IL C
	Surface	Area (£+2)	(_1_)	2-2.9	ا <sub>^</sub>	2-2.9	8 1	2-2.9	- N	3-3.9	4 <	3-3.9	> 4	3-3.9	4 <
	Height (in)				36-44.9		> 45		20-35.9		36-44.9		> 45		
	Cabinet Type					Card				File Safe					
		Material Type		Metal						Metal					

Material Type Meta] Blue Print Cabinet Type 12-19.9 Height (in) 36 10 - 11.9Surface Area (ft<sup>2</sup>) 4-6.9 3 - 3.9| V 7-9.9 4-6.9 3-3.9 | ٧ 12 12 Manufacturer ġΒ> Cataloq Weight Range (1b) Min. 856 285 200 ---190 113 : : 1 160 120 Max. 136 136 190 285 200 308 259 Catalog Minimum and Maximum (1b)
Min. Max. 856 190 113 357 285 200 160 120 Max. 856 190 136 200 259 357 285 308 Observations Number of 20 25 ω 6 ω w ω

TABLE 3 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS (Continued)

TABLE 4 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR SHELVING

Number of Observations		ω	14	æ	:	1
Catalog Minimum and Maximum for Surface Area Groups (1b)	Max.	б	13	21		
Catalog   Maximum fo Area Group	Min.	6	6	17	!	-
Catalog Weight Range (1b)	Мах.	6 -	  9	  21		
Cata Weight (1b)	Min.	6	 9 01	  17		1111
Manufacturer		COL	oошг	C B F	o О п г	o o a f
Surface Area (ft2)		2-2.9	3-3.9	4-5.9	6-7-9	8~
Shelving Type				Free Shelving		
Material Type				роом		

TABLE 4 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR SHELVING (Continued)

			Wood					Material Type
			Bookcase					Shelving Type
	37-49.9				29-36.9			Height (in)
4-4.9 ≥5	3-3.9	2-2.9	v 5	4-4.9	3-3.9	2-2.9		Surface Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )
o m u n o m u	Compc	6 M D C	om D C	GE D C	6 M D C	<b>©</b> т О С		Manufacturer
114	67	46  53	92 	79 40 	62  41	60	Min.	Catalog Weight Range (1b)
114	67	46  53	92 	87 40 	62  60	60	Max.	log Range
114	61	46	92	40	41	60	Min.	Catalog Maximum : Area Gro
1114	89	53	92	87	62	60	Max.	Catalog Minimum and Maximum for Surface Area Groups (1b)
N o	30	32	4	23	20	ω		Number of Observations

TABLE 4 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR SHELVING (Continued)

Number of Observations		23	15	;		1	1	20	:	ł
Catalog Minimum and Maximum for Surface Area Groups (1b)	Max.	79	110	:		1	ı	123	:	:
Catalog Maximum f Area Grou	Min.	65	63	:		:	1	123	-	1
log Range	Max.	65 79	 102 110		1	1111	1111	123  	::::	1111
Catalog Weight Range (1b)	Min.	65  6 <b>7</b>	 63 77		!		1111	123  	1111	1111
Manufacturer		C E D C	C E E D C	Б	9	C E E D C	о С ш б	<b>о</b> ш о	C D G	C G G
Surface Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )		2-2.9	3-3.9	4-4.9		> >	2-2.9	3-3.9	4-4.9	>5
Height (in)			50-65.9					99 <		
Shelving Type	Shelving Type					Bookcase				
Material Type						Pood				

TABLE 4 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR SHELVING (Continued)

		Metal				NO CO				Material Type
	(	Free Shelving				Shelves for Book- cases	Extra			Shelving Type
V   8	6-7.9	4-5.9	3-3.9	2-2.9	v 5	4-4.9	3-3.9	2-2.9		Surface Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )
F18 ≯	FΒA	πВЪ	πα≻	πBA	6 m D C	<b>ө</b> т७೧	e m D C	<b>ө</b> m D С		Manufacturer
20 	16 	11 17	 9 11	9	9	∞	7	1110	Min.	Catalog Weight Range (1b)
22	19 	14 21	10 13	 10	- 9	∞	7	1116	Max.	log Range )
20	16	11,	9	9	9	8	7	6	Min.	Catalog Min Maximum for Area Groups
22	19	21	13	10	9	œ	7	Ō	Max	Catalog Minimum and Maximum for Surface Area Groups (1b)
4	4	16	8	4	6	29	85	58		Number of Observations

TABLE 4 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR SHELVING (Continued)

Material Type	Shelving Type	Height (in)	Surface Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Manufacturer	Catalog Weight Range (1b)	log Range	Catalog Maximum <sup>.</sup> Area Gro	Catalog Minimum and Maximum for Surface Area Groups (1b)	Number of Observations
					Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	
			2-2.9	A B F	33	33	33	33	ō
		29-36.9	3-3.9	A B F	46 47 	46 54 	46	54	13
			4-4.9	A B F	58	58	58	58	3
Metal	Bookcase		۱۰ ک	A F			82	82	4
			2-2.9	A B	38	38	38	38	3
		37-49.9	3-3.9	A B F	61 56 	94 63 	56	94	15
			4-4.9	A B F	68 54	 68 68	54	89	7
			>5	A B F	 64		64	112	4

TABLE 4 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR SHELVING (Continued)

				Me +a ]					Material Type
				Bookcase					Shelving Type
	1 %	, 66				50-65.9			Height (in)
<u>&gt;</u> 5	4-4.9	3-3.9	2-2.9	l > 5	4-4.9	3-3.9	2-2.9		Surface Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )
A B	A B	F 8 A	A B	A B	B A	F B A	F B A		Manufacturer
901		1 1 1	 60		82 	78 69		Min.	Catalog Weight Range (1b)
158		111	84		851	124 · 80 	!!!	Max.	log Range lb)
106		:	60	:	82	69	;	Min.	Catalog Maximum Area Gro
158		:	84	;	85	124	1	Max.	Catalog Minimum and Maximum for Surface Area Groups (1b)
12	-	1	12	1	6	18	1		Number of Observations

TABLE 4 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR SHELVING (Continued)

Number of Observations		24	24	12	12
Catalog Minimum and Maximum for Surface Area Groups (1b)	Max.	9	7	80	6
	Min.	က	4	æ	6
Catalog Weight Range (1b)	Max.	<u>د و ع</u>	 9	! <sup>®</sup> !	6 :
Cata Weight (1b	Min.	9 -	6	¦ ® ¦	6 -
Manufacturer		ΑSI	A F	A B T	A B F
Surface Area (ft <sup>2</sup> )		2-2.9	3-3.9	4-4.9	>5
Shelving Type			Extra Shelves for	Book- cases	
Material Type			Metal		

TABLE 5 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR SEATING

					Wood					Material Type
			Sofa		Uphol- stered		Pedes ta l			Seating Type
1		N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Without Arms	Arms	₩ th		Arm Character- istics
		<u>&gt;</u> 91	72-90	48-71	N.A.	N.A.	Height >38.5	Height <38.5	(nr)	Size ter- Character- istics
	חוד	100	THE DC	F E D C	T M D C	FI M D C	тт О С	пшОΩ		Manufacturer
	224	339	92 277 186 176	202 133 124	93 111 68 64	43 29 37	78 66 72	58 35 52 30	Min.	Catalog Weight Range (1b)
	280	352	142 282 281 176	255 198 192	95 128 123 76	74 49 38	93 88 102	71 82 72 35	Max.	log Range
		224	92	124	64	29	66	30	Min.	Catalon Minimum and Maximum (lb
		352	282	255	128	74	102	82	Max.	Catalon Minimum and Maximum (1b)
		16	96	64	78	138	285	194		Number of Observations

TABLE 5 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR SEATING (Continued)

Number of Observations		126		60	c c			9/		
Minimum num (1b)	Max.	63	}	Ç	, ,			43		
Catalog Minimum and Maximum (1b)	Min.	22	ļ J		17			22		
Catalog Weight Range (1b)	Max.	63	58	43	33.0	1	-	43	1	22
Cata Weight (1	Min.	43	33	43	33	1		32	1	22
Manufacturer		υc	ᇄᄔ	υa	ЭШ	LL.	J	Q	L	F
Size Character- istics			N. A.	2				A		
Arm Character- Ch			With Arms	113 + 12 - 1.	Arms			N. A.		
Seating Type			Legs					Bench		
Material Type				роом						

TABLE 5 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR SEATING (Continued)

			Metal				Material Type
Class- room Chair	Drafting Stool	Bench		Sofa			Seating Type
N. A.	N. A.	N. A.	N. A.	N. A.	N. A.		Arm Character- istics
N. A.	N. A.	N. A.	> 91	72-90	48-71	(1111)	Size Character- istics (in)
F B	A B G	F 88 A	A B	F 8	TI 8 A		Manufacturer
- 23 -	33 34 28	31 -	146 - -	104 203	1 1 1	Min.	Catalog Weight Range (1b)
23	43 37 35	129	215	132 203	1 1 1	Max.	log Range
23	33	31	146	104	1 	Min.	Catalog Minimum and Maximum (lb)
23	43	129	215	203	ı	Max.	Minimum num (lb)
4	17	12	6	12	'		Number of Observations

TABLE 5 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR SEATING (Continued)

Number of Observations		87	46	107	51	20	80
Minimum num (1b)	Max.	89	95	48	45	34	119
Catalog Minimum and Maximum (1b)	Min.	20	59	18	91	6	06
Catalog Weight Range (1b)	Max.	68 59 29	95 68 -	48 36 29	45 34 24	34 22 -	119 94 -
Cata Weight	Min.	44 31	75 59 -	31 26 18	30 16 16	9 -	90 94 -
Manufacturer		ΑBπ	. A B T	A F	A F	A B F	A F
Size Character- I	(in)	Height < 38 F	Height > 38.5	N. A.	N. A.	N. A.	N. A.
Arm Character- C			Arms	Without Arms	With Arms	Without Arms	N. A.
Seating Type			Pedestal		Legs	•	Uphol- stered
Material Type					Metal		

TABLE 5 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR SEATING (Continued)

			Plastic				Material Type
Class- room Chair	(	Legs		Pedestal			Seating Type
N. A.	Without Arms	With Arms	Without Arms	Arms	With		Arm Character- istics
N. A.	N. A.	N. A.	N. A.	Height 2 38.5	Height < 38.5	(1n)	Size Character- istics
B B	A B	ТВΑ	F B A	БВА	FBA		Manufacturer
18	29 - 8	33 - 10	35 32	1 1 1	37 42 15	Min.	Catalog Weight Rar (1b)
- 21	29 - 12	33 - 19	41 36 19	1 1 1	56 44 29	Max.	Catalog Weight Range (lb)
18	8	10	11	-	15	Min.	Catalog Minimum and Maximum (1b)
21	29	33	41	1	56	Max.	Minimum num (1b)
40	22	51	43	ı	75		Number of Observations

TABLE 6 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR PAPER AND BOOKS

Weight Range (1b/in)	Мах.	2.6	3.2	4.9	6.8	1.6	2.4	2.9
Meight (1b∕	Min.	1.7	2.3	3.7	4.7	1.0	1.7	1.9
Manufacturer		Н	T	Н	Н	Ι	Ι	<b>.</b>
Size Group	(in)	8.5 XII	8.5 X15	11 X15	15 X20 >	< 7 X7.25	> 7X7.25 -10X6.5 <	10 X6.5 >
Material Type			\$ \$ £	raper			Paper	
Item Type			5	ra per:			Books	

Note: Data obtained from manufacturers and random weighing of piles of paper and books

TABLE 7 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR EQUIPMENT AND PARTITIONS

			Calculator			Equipment Type						
	Metal or Plastic											
	Illuminated Read-Out											
>171	137-170.9	106-136.9	66-105.9	10-65.9		Misc. Size Character- Group istics (in <sup>2</sup> )						
πΩ <b>νο</b> ≥	71.0 T 0 Z	R.O P O Z	7.0 P O Z	ROPON		Manufacturer						
  18.0	& & & & . 6 & .	6.1 8.6 8.1 8.3 7.7	3.3 3.8 4.8 3.1	1.1 0.5 1.8	Min.	Catalog Weight Range (lb)						
18.0	8.8	8.8.0 8.8.0 8.8.0	3.3 6.0 3.1	2.2	Max.	alog Range o)						
18.0	8.6 6.1 3.3											
18.0	2.5 6.6 8.8 81.0											
υ	<u>ა</u>	72	61	53		Number of Observations						

TABLE 7 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR EQUIPMENT AND PARTITIONS (Continued)

Number of Observations		12	9	12	20	9		
Catalog Minimum and Maximum (1b) Min. Max.		10.3	13.0	26.4	29.5	43.5		
Catalog and Maxir	Min.	10.3	13.0	26.4	29.0	43.0		
og Range Ib)	Мах.	10.3	13.0	26.4	29.5 - 29.0	- 43.0 43.5		
Catalog Weight Range (1b)	Min.	- 10.3	13.0	26.4	29.5 	- - 43.0 43.5		
Manufacturer		2000	X O O O W	2000X	Z O T O T	X O G O K		
Size Group	( 111 )	106-136.9	137-170.9	171.	137-170.9	>171		
Misc. Charact-	ci 136163		Illuminated Read-Out With Tape		Dial	Read-Out		
Material Type			Metal Metal Or Plastic					
Equipment Type			Calculator					

TABLE 7 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR EQUIPMENT AND PARTITIONS (Continued)

carculator			Equipment Type					
or Plastic		Material Type						
Tape Uniy			Misc. Charact- eristics					
155-199.9 >200	120-154.9	90-119.9	Size Group (in)					
жотоz ж.отоz	<b>₽.0 ₹ 0.</b> ₹	ZO POZ	Manufacturer					
24.0 24.0 29.3 29.3 - - - 38.0 35.5	22.0 12.6 11.4 20.0	17.0 - 9.9 13.0	Catalog Weight Range (1b) Min. Max					
26.5 26.5 38.5 - - - 38.0 43.0	25.0 12.6 11.4 26.8	17.0 - 9.9 13.0	Max.					
16.5 35.5	9.9 12.6 16.5							
38.5 43.0	Catalor Minimum and Maximum (1b) Min. Max.							
85	162	26	Number of Observations					

TABLE 7 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR EQUIPMENT AND PARTITIONS (Continued)

								_		_	_			_			_		
Catalog Minimum and Maximum (1b)	Max.		IVA		31			34		ľ	3/			44			1		
Catalog Minimum and Maximum (1b)	Min.				31			33		Ţ	3/		44		1				
Catalog Weight Range (15)	9 &	) ()	8.0	11.8	12.4 13.0	31	31	_	33	34	was.	37		-	1	44	1	•	1
Manufacturer	ľ	. ت. د	ں ں	٠,		× –	М	×		Σ	×	_	M	<b>×</b>		Ψ	¥	_	Σ
Size Group (in)	VΝ	N S	N N AN	NA	A N A	11 - 14	carriage		15 - 16	carriage		47 - 20	carriage		21 - 24	carriage		25 - 30	carriage
Misc. Character- istics	00++119 U	6 button	10 button 12 button	18 button	20 button 30 button						Manual								
Material Type			Plastic								Metal								
Equipment Type			Telephone			Typewriter													

TABLE 7 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR EQUIPMENT AND PARTITIONS (Continued)

		Typewriter				Equipment Type		
				Material Type				
		Electric				Misc. Charact- eristics		
25 -30 carriage	21 -24 carriage	17 -20 carriage	15 -16 carriage	ll -14 ĉarriage		Size Group (in)		
MCK	MLK	ĭ r ⊼	3 C X	MLK		Manufacturer		
61 59 63	55 55 54	52 -	38 50 53	36 48 51	Min.	Catalog Weight Range (1b)		
61 59 63	55 55 59	52 -	67 50 53	48 48 51	Max.	log Range b)		
59	54	Catalog Minimum and Maximum (1b)         Min.       Max.         36       51         38       67         52       52         54       59						
63	59	52	67	51	n (1b) Max.			

TABLE 7 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTIOM FOR EQUIPMENT AND PARTITIONS (Continued)

Number of Observations		1	15	15	13		!			12			20			17	
Catalog Minimum and Maximum for Surface Area Groups (1b/ft)	. Max.	<b>5</b> L	24	34	43		;			26			31			35	
Catalog Maximum Area Gro	Min.	14	15	16	26		t t			6			9.8			11.8	
Catalog Weight Range (1%/ft)	Max.	14	24	34	43	+	1	!	26	-	11.2	31	16.5	14.2	35	25	15.8
Ca Weigh (1h	Min.	14	15	16	56	:	;	1	19	;	6	24	9.8	10.8	67	11.8	13.3
Manufacturer		В	В	В	В	В	Ŀ	9	В	Ŀ	G	В	Ŀ	G	В	Ŀ	5
Height (in)		<48	48-59.9	60-71.9	>72		<48			48-59.9			60-71.9			>72	
Material Type			1	Steel		Fabric											
Equipment Type						Partitions											

TABLE 7 SUMMARY OF DATA UTILIZED TO DEVELOP TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR EQUIPMENT AND PARTITIONS (Continued)

		Partitions			Equipment Type	
		Plastic			Material Type	
> 72	60-71.9	48-59.9	<b>48</b>		Height (in)	
п თ	-n &	¬п □	77 B		Manufacturer	
26 15	16 13	15 12.5	14	Min.	Catalog Weight Range (lh/ft)	
43 45	34 34	24 24	14	Max.	log Range t)	
15	13	12.5	14	Min.	Catalog Maximum Area Gro	
45	34	24	14	Max.	Catalog Minimum and Maximum for Surface Area Groups (lb/ft)	
38	40	31	1	Observations		

Tables 1 through 7 indicate that it might be possible to combine several size groups. Prior to combining these groups, it would be advisable to study the effect this would have on the weight range and also the effect of the number of observations on the means and standard deviations. Similar groups were used for both metal and wood furniture and also for the different items within a given type of furniture, e.g., single pedestal desks, double pedestal desks, and desks with legs. Because of this, in some cases no data are given since items in this category are not manufactured, e.g., in Table 1, metal double pedestal desks in the 7-9.5 ft<sup>2</sup> size group encountered for wood double pedestal desks. In establishing the size groups, the surface areas were computed using the actual dimensions given in the catalogs and then rounded off giving the values listed in the tables. In most cases the catalog maximum and minimum values for the weights for several manufacturers are listed. For desks, it was also possible to establish a weight range representative of 80% of the sales volume for these items. For some items such as telephones, for which one manufacturer supplies the majority of the market, only one manufacturer is listed. In other cases such as typewriters, data were obtained directly from the manufacturer and consequently the number of observations is not given. Similarly, where a manufacturer is listed and no data are given, no items in this group were encountered in their catalog. Where only one weight value is given as opposed to a weight range, the manufacturer indicated that there was only minor differences in the weight for these items.

The catalog minimum and maximum values in the tables were established from the weight ranges for the several manufacturers. Note that the weight range for a particular item varies with the manufacturer and is usually smaller than the range including several manufacturers. In addition, the amount of this variation is different for the various items and the types of material.

As indicated, the number of observations in Tables 1 through 7 refer to the number of items encountered in furniture catalogs. Although they do not necessarily represent the frequency of occurrence of the weights within a group in actual offices, it was assumed that they were approximately representative of this frequency distribution. The 80% sales volume data for desks in Table 1 provided one indication that the items encountered in offices would, in general, cover the range of weights. Attempts to obtain the actual frequency distribution through detailed information from manufacturers on sales volumes for the various weight items in a group were unsuccessful.

Using the data in Tables 1 through 7, estimates of the mean and standard deviation (28) were computed for each group as:

$$\overline{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_{i}$$
(3.1)

$$\overline{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_{i}$$

$$S = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_{i} - \overline{X})^{2} \\ \frac{1}{n-1} \end{cases}$$
(3.1)

where X, = weights obtained from manufacturers catalogs.

The number of observations given in the tables were used for n in these computations.

The transfer functions and these numerical values of the parameters selected for conversion of the inventory field survey data are given in Tables 8 through 14. Note that for paper and books a compaction factor defined in Appendix B has been employed to convert the volume measurements from the field survey to weight. For those cases where the weight range was zero, the standard deviation was computed using the average coefficient of variation determined for the other items in the same group. For telephones, however, this was not done since the weight variation was determined to be extremely small.

For those groups where no data was found in the manufacturers catalogs, the symbol NA (not applicable) has been used in Tables 8 through 14. It was concluded, based on attempts to determine values for these groups, that they are not commonly manufactured as office furniture. If such items are encountered in the field survey, it is planned to obtain their weights by interpolating values from similar items in the tables. If encountered frequently, weights for these items will be obtained from manufacturers.

In converting the inventory data to weight, both the mean and standard deviation were used. This permitted determination of the total fire load and live load and the uncertainty of these loads for the rooms surveyed.

It is interesting to note that the values in Tables 8 through 14 compare reasonably well with office furniture weights used by commercial moving companies for estimating purposes. In some cases, the mean value is close to the moving companies' estimates, in other cases the mean plus one standard deviation is close to the moving companies' estimate. The categories used by moving companies are, however, not as detailed as the groups contained in the tables, consequently, only limited comparisons were possible.

The question of the accuracy with which these transfer functions predict the weight of items is discussed in Section 3.6.

In originally planning the survey (22), it was proposed that sample weighing be done in some of the offices surveyed to obtain numerical values similar to those in Tables 8 through 14. Selection of the offices to be weighed, however, would require special care to insure obtaining an unbiased sample. For example, the catalog data for weights of desks is shown in histogram form in Figs. 3, 4. Similar data for empty weights obtained by Bryson and Gross from a weight survey (15) is shown in Figs. 5, 6.

Referring to Figs. 3 through 6, it is obvious that the variability or range of weights encountered by Bryson and Gross is considerably smaller than that for the catalog data. This results from the fact that the Bryson and Gross data represent only one building in which a majority of the items were procured from only one or two sources. A similar situation would probably occur for other government buildings

TABLE 8 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR DESKS

$$W_d = B_{ijk} + N_b D_{bi} + N_f D_{fi} + (N_p - 1) D_{pi}$$
 when  $N_p > 1$  when  $N_p = 0$ 

W<sub>d</sub> = total weight of a desk

B = basic desk weight

 $N_{p}$  = number of personal drawers

 $D_{\rm p}$  = weight of one personal drawer

 $N_{h}$  = number of box drawers

 $D_h = weight of one box drawer$ 

 $N_f$  = number of file drawers

 $D_f$  = weight of one file drawer

 $D_{c}$  = weight of one center drawer

i = material type - metal, wood, plastic

j = desk type - single pedestal, double pedestal, legs

k = size group - top surface area

Material type	Desk type	Size group (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Basic Desk weight-B (1b)	Weight of Personal drawer D p (1b)	Weight of Box drawer D <sub>b</sub> (1b)	Weight of File drawer <sup>D</sup> f (1b)	Weight of Center drawer D <sub>C</sub> (1b)
	Single Pedestal	7-9.5 9.6-12 12.1-14.5 >14.6	112.15 136.21 147.16 167,30	8.0.3 8.0.3 8.0.3 8.0.3	12.0.5 12.0.5 12.0.5 12.0.5	21,5.2 21,5.2 21,5.2 21,5.2	14.2.1 14.2.1 14.2.1 14,2.1
Meta1	Double Pedestal	7-9.5 9.6-12 12.1-14.5 > 14.6	NA 141,27 164,22 188,19	NA 8,0.3 8,0.3 8,0.3	NA 12,0.5 12,0.5	NA 21,5.2 21,5.2 21,5.2	NA 14,2.1 14,2.1 14,2.1
	Legs	7-9.5 9.6-12 12.1-14.5 >14.6	NA NA 158,37 207,2.6	NA NA 8,0.3 8,0.3	NA NA 12,0.5 12,0.5	NA NA 21,5.2 21,5.2	NA NA 14,2.1 14,2.1

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation- $\overline{\chi}$ , s

TABLE 8 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR DESKS (Continued)

Material type	Desk type	Size group (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Basic Desk weight-B (lb)	Weight of Personal drawer D <sub>p</sub> (1b)	Weight of Box drawer D <sub>b</sub> (1b)	Weight of File drawer D <sub>f</sub> (1b)	Weight of Center drawer D <sub>C</sub> (1b)
	Single Pedestal	7-9.5 9.6-12 12.1-14.5 >14.6	104,20 128,44 204,51 180,49	5,1.8 5,1.8 5,1.8 5,1.8	8,1.3 8,1.3 8,1.3 8,1.3	12,2.9 12,2.9 12,2.9 12,2.9	8,0.3 8,0.3 8,0.3 8,0.3
Wood	Double Pedestal	7-9.5 9.6-12 12.1-14.5 >14.6	114,33 164,76 201,40 241,47	5,1.8 5,1.8 5,1.8 5,1.8	8,1.3 8,1.3 8,1.3 8,1.3	12,2.9 12,2.9 12,2.9 12,2.9	8,0.3 8,0.3 8,0.3 8,0.3
	Legs	7-9.5 9.6-12 12.1-14.5 >14.6	111,20 NA 175,37 222,33	5,1.8 5,1.8 5,1.8 5,1.8	8,1.3 8,1.3 8,1.3 8,1.3	12,2.9 12,2.9 12,2.9 12,2.9	8,0.3 8,0.3 8,0.3 8,0.3
	Single Pedestal	7-9.5 9.6-12 12.1-14.5 >14.6	N.A	NΑ	N A	N A	N A
Plastic	Double Pedestal	7-9.5 9.6-12 12.1-14.5 >14.6	N A	N A	N A	N A	N A
	Legs	7-9.5 9.6-12 12.1-14.5 >14.6	N A	N A	N A	N A	N A

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation-- $\overline{X}$ , s

## TABLE 9 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR TABLES

 $W_t$  = total weight of a table

T = basic table weight

 $N_c = 1$  with a center drawer or 0 without a center drawer

 $D_c$  = weight of a center drawer

i = material type - metal, wood, plastic

j = table type - legs, pedestal

k = size group - top surface area

Material Type	Table Type	Size Group (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Basic Table Weight (1b)	Weight of a Center Drawer-D <sub>C</sub> i (1b)
Metal	Pedestal	4-9 9.1-11.9 12-12.5 12.6-15.9 16-18 18.1-26.9 27-44.9 ≥45 4-9 9.1-11.9 12-12.5 12.6-15.9	39,6.1 64,5.7 73,11 74,11 NA NA NA NA S0,9.8 71,9.9 80,11.8 98,8.2	14,2.1
	Legs	16-18 18-1-26.9 27-44.9 245	114,17.3 149,26 238,22.8 445,62	14,2.1

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation-  $\overline{X}$ , s

TABLE 9 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR TABLES (Continued)

Material Type	Table Type	Size Group (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Basic Table Weight-T (1b)	Weight of a Center Drawer-D <sub>c</sub> (1b)
Mand	Pedestal	4-9 9.1-11.9 12-12.5 12.6-15.9 16-18 18.1-26.9 27-44.9 245	70,22.6 82,34.3 90,27 98,54.5 131,61.8 178,67.4 280,27.4 361,130	8,0.3
Wood	Legs	4-9 9.1-11.9 12-12.5 12.6-15.9 16-18 18.1-26.9 27-44.9 ≥ 45	42,12 70,17.6 83,21 102,20.5 118,18.8 163,30.8 254,85.2 428,50.1	8,0.3
Plastic	Pedestal	4-9 9.1-11.9 12-12.5 12.6-15.9 16-18 18.1-26.9 27-44.9 ≥ 45	NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA	NA
	Legs	4-9 9.1-11.9 12-12.5 12.6-15.9 16-18 18.1-26.9 27-44.9 ≥ 45	73,8.5 NA 97,12 NA 97,12 NA NA	NA

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation  $\overline{X}$ , s

## TABLE 10 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS-ALL-PURPOSE.

$$W_{apc} = C_{ikh} + N_s S_{il}^W + N_p D_{pi} + N_B D_{Bi} + N_f D_{fi}$$

W<sub>apc</sub> = total weight of an all-purpose cabinet

C = basic all-purpose cabinet weight

 $N_s$  = number of shelves

 $S^W$  = weight of a shelf

 $N_p$  = number of personal drawers

 $D_{p}^{'}$  = weight of a personal drawer

 $N_B$  = number of box drawers

 $D_{B}$  = weight of a box drawer

 $N_f$  = number of file drawers

 $N_f = N_f$  = weight of a file drawer

D<sub>f</sub> = weight of a file drawer
i = material type -- metal, wood, plastic

k = size groups - top surface area

h = height groups

1 = shelf size groups - top surface area

TABLE 10 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS- ALL-PURPOSE (Continued)

Material Type	Height Group (in)	Size Group (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Basic All-Purpose Cabinet Weight-C (1b)	Weight of a Shelf (1b)	Weight of a Personal Drawer (1b)	Weight of a Box Drawer (1b)	Weight of a File Drawer (1b)
	19-27.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 $\stackrel{>}{=}$ 12	NA 83,5.1 114,5 153,2.5 NA NA	6,0.7 7,0.8 8,1.0 9,1.1 NA	4,0.5	6,0.7	10,3.3
	28-34.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 $\stackrel{>}{=}$ 12	NA NA 132,23 174,34 206,33 287,45	NA NA 8,1.0 9,1.1 9,1.1 9,1.1	4,0.5	6,0.7	10,3.3
Wood	35-49.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 \$\geq 12\$	NA NA NA NA NA NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	50-69.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 ≥ 12	96,9.9 NA NA NA NA NA	6,0. <b>7</b> NA	4,0.5	6,0.7	10,3.3
	≥70	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 \(\geq 12\)	NA NA 332,33 371,37 NA NA	NA NA 8,1.0 9,1.1 NA NA	4,0.5	6,0.7	10,3.3

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation  $\overline{X}$ , s

TABLE 10 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS- ALL-PURPOSE (Continued)

Material Type	Height Group (in)	Size Group (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Basic All-Purpose Cabinet Weight-C (lb)	Weight of a Shelf (1b)	Weight of a Personal Drawer (1b)	Weight of a Box Drawer (1b)	Weight of a File Drawer (1b)
	19-27.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 \$\geq 12	27,3.3 NA 41,6.6 161,13 NA NA	5,1.5 NA 8,1.0 9,1.1 NA NA	7,0.6	9,0.6	20,0.6
	28-34.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 \$\frac{2}{2}\$12	43,1.6 63,5 100,27.9 166,56.6 181,23.4 262,44.5	5,1.5 6,1.1 8,1.0 9,1.1 9,1.1	7,0.6	9,0.6	20,0.6
Metal	35-49.9	2+2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 ≥12	59,7.8 89,10.6 96,20.6 NA NA	5,1.5 6,1.1 8,1.0 NA NA	7,0.6	9,0.6	20,0.6
	50-69.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 ≥12	85,13.7 118,18.9 119,26.8 NA NA	5,1.5 6,1.1 8,1.0 NA NA	7,0.6	9,0.6	20,0.6
	<u>&gt;</u> 70	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 ≥12	76,3.5 86,8.6 163,27.5 NA NA	5,1.5 6,1.1 8,1.0 NA NA	7,0	9,0.6	20,0.6

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation  $\overline{\mathbf{X}}$ , s

TABLE 10 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS- ALL-PURPOSE (Continued)

Material Type	Height Group (in)	Size Group (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Basic All-Purpose Cabinet Weight-C (1b)	Weight of a Shelf (lb)	Weight of a Personal Drawer (1b)	Weight of a Box Drawer (1b)	Weight of a File Drawer (1b)
	19-27.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 ≥ 12	AN AN AN NA NA NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	28-34.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 \$\geq 12	NA NA NA NA NA NA	NA	NA	AN	iNA
Plastic	35-49.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 ≥ 12	NA NA NA NA NA NA	NA	NA	АИ	AVI
	50-69.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 \(\geq 12\)	NA NA NA NA NA NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	<u>&gt;</u> 70	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 ≥ 12	NA NA NA NA NA NA	ΝA	NA	NA	NA

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation  $\overline{\textbf{X}},$  s

## TABLE 10 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS--EXCLUDING ALL-PURPOSE

W<sub>c</sub> = total weight of a cabinet

C = basic cabinet weight

i = material type - metal, wood, plastic

j = cabinet type - file, card, blueprint, safe

k = size groups - top surface area

h = height groups

Material type	Cabinet type	Height Group (in)	Size Group (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Basic Cabinet Weight-C (1b)
		12-19.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 ≥ 5	NA 60,12 73,14.6 85,17
		20-35.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 - 5	49,11.1 88,17.7 85,17.9 129,27.1
	File	36-44.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 ≥ 5	120,28 140,19 167,30.1 185,33.3
Metal		45-55.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 \(\geq 5\)	171,24.5 178,41.8 233,41.9 257,46.3
		<u>&gt;</u> 56	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 	188,35.6 209,33.9 283,50.9 315,53.6
		< 20	2-2.9 ≥ 3	14.5,6.2
	Card	20-35.9	2-2.9 ≥ 3	NA NA
		36-44.9	2-2.9 > 3	163,63.2 197,54.4
		<u>&gt;</u> 45	2-2.9° ≥ 3	230,71.5 223,64.5

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation- $\bar{X}$ , s

TABLE 10 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS--EXCLUDING ALL-PURPOSE (Continued)

Material type	Cabinet type	Height Group (in)	Size Group (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Basic Cabinet Weight-C (1b)
Metal (Continued)		12-19.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 ≥ 12 2-2.9	NA 190,71.3 227,60 200,64 285,91.2 357,114.2 NA
	Blueprint	20-35.9	3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 2 12	NA NA NA NA NA
		<u>≥</u> 36	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 2 12	NA 125,12.6 190,19 NA NA NA 856,85.6
		12-19.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 2 4	,NA NA NA
	Safe	20-35.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 - 4	NA 313,32.7 332,36.6
		36-44.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 - 4	NA 430,52.9 453,46.5
		<u>&gt;</u> 45	2-2.9 3-3.9 $\stackrel{>}{=}$ 4	NA 554,62.6 613,55.9

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation-- $\bar{X}$ , s

TABLE 10 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS--EXCLUDING ALL-PURPOSE (Continued)

Material type	Cabinet type	Height Group (in)	Size Group (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Basic Cabinet Weight-C (1b)
		12-19.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 ≥ 5	NA NA NA NA
Wood	File	20-35.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 2 5	70,8.7 97,17.5 108,4.9 134,27,7
		36-44.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 \(\simes\) 5 2-2.9	NA NA NA NA
		45-55.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 $\stackrel{>}{\scriptstyle >}$ 5 2-2.9	NA 230,41.4 NA NA
		<u>&gt;</u> 56	3-3.9 4-4.9	120,21.6 NA NA NA
		< 20	2-2.9 ≥ 3	56,18 78,27.5
	Card	20-35.9	2-2.9 \(\triangle 3\) 2-2.9 \(\triangle 3\) 2-2.9	NA NA
		36-44.9	<u> </u>	NA NA
		<u>&gt;</u> 45	2-2.9 ≥ 3	NA 461,172

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation-- $\bar{X}$ , s

TABLE 10 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS--EXCLUDING ALL-PURPOSE (Continued)

Material type	Cabinet type	Height Group (in)	Size Group (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Basic Cabinet Weight-C (1b)
		12-19.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 ≥ 12	NA NA NA NA NA NA
Wood (Continued)	Blueprint	20-35.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 = 12	NA NA NA NA NA NA
		<u>&gt;</u> 36	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 ≥ 12	NA NA NA NA NA NA
		12-19.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 24	NA NA NA
	Safe	20-35.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 2 4 2-2.9	NA NA NA
		36-44.9	3-3.9 ≥ 4	NA NA NA
		<u>&gt;</u> 45	2-2.9 3-3.9 <u>&gt;</u> 4	NA NA NA

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation--  $\overline{X}$ , s

TABLE 10 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS--EXCLUDING ALL-PURPOSE (Continued)

Material type	Cabinet type	Height Group (in)	Size Group (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Basic Cabinet Weight-C (lb)
		12-19.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 ≥ 5	AN AN AN
		20-35.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 2 5	NA NA NA NA
	File	36-44.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 ≥ 5	NA NA NA NA
Plastic		45-55.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 ≥ 5	NA NA NA NA NA
		<u>≥</u> 56	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 - 5	NA NA NA NA
		12-19.9	2-2.9 > 3	NA NA
	Card	20-35.9	2-2.9 ≥ 3	NA NA
		36-44.9	2-2.9 - 3	NA NA
		<u>&gt;</u> 45	2-2.9 ≥ 3	AV.

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation- $-\bar{\chi}$ , s

TABLE 10 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR CABINETS--EXCLUDING ALL-PURPOSE (Continued)

Material type	Cabinet type	Height Group (in)	Size Group (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Basic Cabinet Weight-C (lb)
		12-19.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 \(\geq 12\)	NA NA NA NA NA NA
Plastic (Continued)	Blueprint	20-35.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 \(\geq 12\)	NA NA NA NA NA NA
		<u>&gt;</u> 36	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-6.9 7-9.9 10-11.9 \(\geq 12\)	NA NA NA NA NA NA
	Safe	12-19.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 ≥ 4	NA NA NA
		20-35.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 ≥ 4	NA NA NA
		36-44.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 2 4	NA NA NA
		<u>&gt;</u> 45	2-2.9 3-3.9 ≥ 4	NA NA NA

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation- $-\bar{x}$ , s

# TABLE 11 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR SHELVING-FREE SHELVING

$$W_{Fs} = N_s S_{i1}^f$$

 $W_{Fs}$  = total weight of free shelving

N<sub>c</sub> = number of shelves

sf = weight of one free shelf

i = material type - metal, wood, plastic

1 = size groups - top surface area

Material type	Size group (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Basic Shelf weight-S <sup>f</sup> (1b)
Metal	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-5.9 6-7.9 ≥ 8	10,0.6 11,1.6 15,3.6 18,1.7 21,1.2
Wood	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-5.9 6-7.9 > 8	9,1.2 10,1.6 19,2 NA NA
Plastic	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-5.9 6-7.9 > 8	NA NA NA NA NA

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation-X, s

# TABLE 11 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR SHELVING-BOOKCASE (Continued)

 $W_b = total$  weight of a bookcase

S = basic bookcase weight

 $N_s$  = number of shelves

 $S^b$  = weight of one bookcase shelf

i = material type - metal, wood, plastic

k = size group - top surface area

h = height groups

Material type	Height group (in)	Size group (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Basic Bookcase Weight-S (1b)	Weight of a Bookcase Shelf (1b)
	28-36.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 ≥5	33,2.3 50,3.7 58,4.1 82,5.7	5,1.5 6,1.1 8,1.0 9,1.1
Metal	37-49.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 ≥5	38,2.7 67,14 62,7.5 87,26.6	5,1.5 6,1.1 8,1.0 9,1.1
	50-65.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 ≥5	NA 89,22.3 84,1.6 NA	5,1.5 6,1.1 8,1.0 9,1.1
	<u>&gt;</u> 66	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 ≥ 5	72,11.1 NA NA 151,19.3	5,1.5 6,1.1 8,1.0 9,1.1

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation - X, s

TABLE 11 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR SHELVING-BOOKCASE (Continued)

Material type	Height group (in)	Size group (ft <sup>2</sup> )	Basic Bookcase Weight-S (1b)	Weight of a Bookcase Shelf (1b)
	28-36.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 ≥5	60,10.8 55,8.4 77,15.3 92,16.6	6,0,7 7,0.8 8,1,0
Wood	37-49.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 -5	46,1.7 69,9.4 77,14.3 114,27.4	6,0.7 7,0.8 8,1.0 9,1.1
	50-65.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 2-5	71,5.5 88,17.5 NA NA	6.0.7 7.0.8 8.1.0 9.1.1
	≥66	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 = 5	NA 123,24.6 NA NA	6.0.7 7.0.8 8.1.0 9,1.1
	28-36.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 ≥5	NA NA NA NA	AN
Plastic	37-49.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 ≥5	NA NA NA NA	NA
	50-65.9	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 2-5	NA NA NA NA	NA
	≥66	2-2.9 3-3.9 4-4.9 ≥5	NA NA NA NA	NA

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation-X,s

## TABLE 12 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR SEATING

$$W_s = C_{i,j}$$

W<sub>c</sub> = total Weight of a seating item

C = basic seating weight

i = material type - metal, wood, plastic

j = seating type

1 = legs with arms

2 = legs without arms

3 = pedestal with arms and height  $\leq 38.5$ 

4 = pedestal with arms and height > 38.5

5 = pedestal without arms

6 = upholstered

7 = sofa 48" - 71" long 8 = sofa 72" - 90" long

9 = sofa > 91"

10 = bench

11 = drafting stool

12 = classroom chair

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Material Type	Seating Type	Basic Seating Unit Weight - C (1b)
	1	25,9
		20,8.6
	2 3	33,17.9
	<u>J</u>	81,9.1
	5	24,12.4
Metal	5 6	99,12.6
The su !	7	NA
	8	141,38.9
	8 9	175,32.2
	10	77,38.5
	11	34,8.4
	12	23,5.5
	]	44,10.9
		34,5.3
	2 3	54,13
	4	78,10.8
1	5 6	40,14.6
Wood	6	90,27.5
wood	7	173,33.2
	8	205,49.6
	9	299,52.6
	10	29,7.6
	11	NA
	12	NA

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation--X, s

TABLE 12 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR SEATING (Continued)

Material Type	Seating Type	Basic Seating Unit Weight - C (1b)
Plastic	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	16,4 13,5.4 24,15.1 NA 21,11.5 NA

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation-- $\overline{\chi}$ , s

## TABLE 13 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR PAPER AND BOOKS

# Paper

 $W_p = P_k hc$ 

 $W_p$  = total weight of paper

P = basic paper weight per inch

k = size groups

h = height of pile

c = % of compaction

Size groups (in)	Basic Paper Weight-P (1b/in)
8.5 x 11	2.1, 0.2
8.5 x 15	2.8, 0.3
11 x 15	4.2, 0.4
15 x 20	5.3, 0.5

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation-  $\overline{X}$ , s

Note: Data obtained from manufacturers and random weighing of piles of paper

# TABLE 13 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR PAPER AND BOOKS (Continued)

# Books

$$W_{Rk} = B_k 1c$$

 $W_{\rm RF}$  = total weight of a book

B = basic book weight per inch

k = size groups - height X width

1 = length of row

c = % of compaction

Size groups (in)	Basic Book Weight-B (lb/in)
< 7 x 7.25	1.3, 0.2
> 7 x 7.25 - 10 x 6.5 <	2.0., 0.2
10 x 6.5 >	2.3, 0.3

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation-  $\overline{X}$ , s

Note: Data obtained from manufacturers and random weighing of piles of books

# TABLE 14 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR EQUIPMENT AND PARTITIONS

# Telephones

$$W_{ph} = PH_{b}$$

 $W_{ph}$  = total weight of a telephone

PH = basic telephone weight

b = number of buttons

Number of Buttons	Basic Telephone Weight-PH (1b)
0	3.6,0
6	3.9,0
10	6.3,0
12	8,0
18	11.8,0
20	12.4,0
30	13,0

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation  $\overline{X}$ , s

# TABLE 14 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR EQUIPMENT AND PARTITIONS (Continued)

# Typewriter

$$W_{ty} = T_{jk}$$

 $W_{tv}$  = total weight of a typewriter

T = basic typewriter weight

j = typewriter type - electric, manual

k = size groups - carriage length

Typewriter type	size groups (in)	Basic Typewriter Weight-T (lb)
Manual	11-14 15-16 17-20 21-24 25-30	31,2.8 33.5,3.0 37,3.3 44,4.0 NA
Electric	11-14 15-16 17-20 21-24 25-30	47,5.6 52,9.3 52,4.7 56,1.8 61,1.8

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation  $\overline{X}$ , s

# TABLE 14 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR EQUIPMENT AND PARTITIONS (Continued)

# Calculators

$$W_{ca} = CA_{jk}$$

W = total weight of a calculator

CA = basic calculator weight

j = calculator type

k = size groups

Calculator type	Size groups (in <sup>2</sup> )	Basic Calculator weight-CA (1b)
Illuminated Read-out	10-65.9 66-105.9 106-136.9 137-170.9	1.6,0.7 4.6,1.1 7.1,1.0 9.3,0.9 18,4.1
Illuminated Read-out With Tape	10-65.9 66-105.9 106-136.9 137-170.9	NA NA 10,1.8 13,2.3 26,4.7
Dial Read-out	10-65.9 66-105.9 106-136.9 137-170.9	NA NA NA 29,0.3 43,0.2
Tape Only	90-119.9 120-154.9 155-199.9 200	15,3.0 23,2.7 27,7.7 39,3.8

Values listed are sample mean and Standard deviation -  $\overline{X}$ , s

# TABLE 14 TRANSFER FUNCTION FOR EQUIPMENT AND PARTITIONS (Continued)

# **Partitions**

 $W_{pa} = PA_{ih}1$ 

 $W_{pa}$  = total weight of partition

PA = partition weight per foot

i = material type h = height group

1 = length of partition

Material type	H <mark>e</mark> ight group (in <sup>2</sup> )	Partition weight-PA * (1b/ft)
Stee1	< 48 48-59.9 60-71.9 > 72	14,2.1 21,2.1 26,4.6 35,5.8
Fabric	<pre>48 48-59.9 60-71.9</pre>	NA 17,6.3 18,7.1 22,8.1
Plastic	< 48 48-59.9 60-71.9 2 72	14,2.8 19,3.3 24,5.6 33,7.6
Wood	< 48 48-59.9 60-71.9 $\geq$ 72	NA NA NA NA

Values listed are sample mean and standard deviation-  $\overline{X}$ , s

Steel--0.00, Fabric - 1.00, Plastic - 0.75, Wood - 1.00

<sup>\*</sup>For fire load purposes, the partition weight obtained from the transfer functions were multiplied by the following values to determine fire load:

and buildings with a single tenant such as corporate headquarters. The data in Tables 8 through 14 were therefore used since they provide a better indication of the variability of the weight of content items for the office building population of the United States.

The transfer functions in Tables 8 through 14 give the actual item The total weight is needed from the standpoint of live loads. For fire loads, however, the combustibility must be taken into account. For example, although a metal desk may weigh 250 lbs. only the veneer on the top surface and the paint are combustible and the fire load may be as low as 10 lbs. For items composed of both combustible and noncombustible materials, the percentage of the actual weight which is combustible is required. For simplicity, the values in Tables 15 and 16 were arbitrarily selected to represent reasonable composite estimates of the combustible content and calorific value. It is customary in expressing fire load data for different types of materials to convert weights to an equivalent weight of wood or cellulose (11, 46). Conversion factors for this purpose are also given in Tables 15 and 16. These factors were obtained by dividing the calorific value for the material by the calorific value for cellulose (taken as 8000 Btu/lb). Note that for items composed of two materials such as a padded wooden chair, judgment based on NBS fire test experience, the combustible characteristics of the types of materials, and the estimated proportion of the total item weight each material comprised was used in selecting these values.

In dealing with enclosed combustibles such as papers in filing cabinets, a derating factor (i.e., an estimate of the quantity of the material which will burn in a fire) is used. Derating factors, similar to those used for combustibles in steel containers (11), used in this study are given in Table 17. The derating factors are a function of the ratio of enclosed combustible weight to the total combustible weight in the room. In computing the fire loads for enclosed combustible contents from the survey data, the derating factor was determined using the ratio noted then their weight was multiplied by the derating factors prior to computing their fire load.

Since the exposed combustible interior finish surfaces of the rooms, i.e., floors, walls, and ceiling, are considered part of the fire load, it was also necessary to develop transfer functions for these items. The amount of visual data which could be easily obtained in a field survey, however, was limited in this case. For example, the thickness of wall paneling or the number of coats of paint on a wall cannot usually be determined by simple visual inspection. Therefore, only the very general inventory information described in the next section was collected for the bounding surfaces. For this reason, the transfer functions for these items are single values. To establish these values, information on the weight and calorific value of different types of interior finish materials and coverings was collected. This information is summarized in Tables 18 and 19. Based on this information, representative values to be used to convert the survey data to fire loads for the bounding surfaces were selected. These values are given in Table 20.

Fig. 3 Catalog Frequency Distribution for Wood Desks

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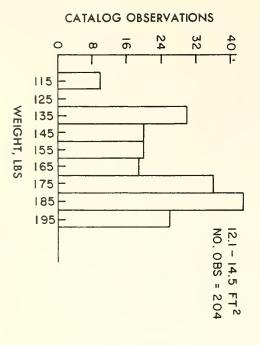
Fig. 3 Catalog Frequency Distribution for Wood Desks -Continued

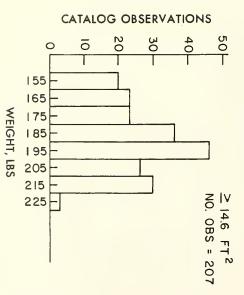
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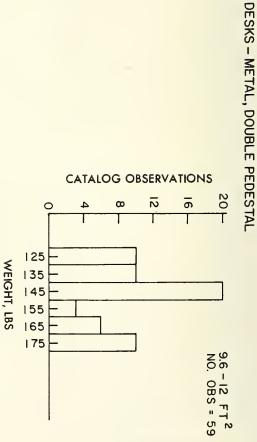
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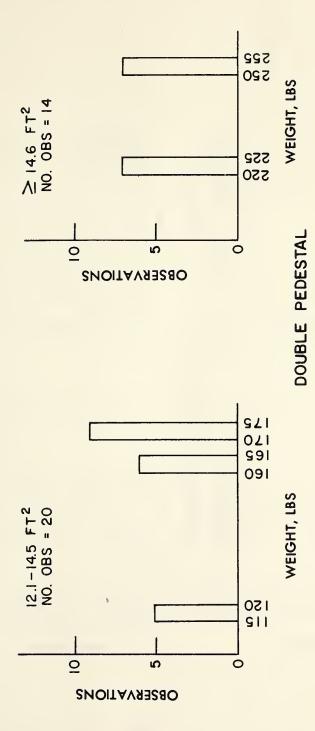
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Frequency Distribution for Wood Desks--Bryson and Gross Survey Fig. 5

Frequency Distribution for Metal Desks--Bryson and Gross Survey Fig. 6

TABLE 15 FIRE LOAD VALUES FOR FURNITURE

Item	Material type	% Total Item Weight assumed combustible	Calorific value (Btu/lb.)	Cellulose Conversion Factor (Calorific Value/8000)
	БооМ	100	8000	1.00
Desk	Metal	0	0	0.00
	Plastic	100	6000	0.75
	Wood	100	8000	1.00
Table	Meta1	0	0	0.00
	Plastic	100	6000	0.75
	Wood	100	8000	1.00
Cabinet	Meta1	0	0	0.00
	Plastic	100	6000	0.75
	Wood	100	8000	1.00
Shelving	Metal	0	0	0.00
	Plastic	100	6000	0.75
	Wood Frame	100	8000	1.00
Seating	Metal Frame	0	0	0.00
	Plastic Frame	100	6000	0.75

Fire load = Weight in 1b from transfer x fraction total item weight assumed comfunction x Cellulose Conversion Factor

TABLE 18SUMMARY OF WEIGHT DATA FOR ROOM BOUNDING SURFACES (Continued)

Walle Coilings and Clean

S	Data Source	Ref. 42					Amsrican Parquet Association Little Rock, Ark.	National Dak Flooring Manufacturers Assoc. Memphis, Tenn.	Armstrong Cork Co. Lancaster, Pa	Ref. 36
igs and Floor	Weight Range (1b/ft <sup>2</sup> )	0.85-1.5	0.2-0.85	0.8-1.1	1.5-3.3	0.05-04	1.3	1.0-2.3	1.2	1.2
Walls, Ceilings and Floors	Thickness Range (in)	0.5-0.75	0.6-3	0.5-0.75	1-2	1-2	0.313	0.375- 0.75	0.125	0.125
	Туре	Mineral	Fiber Glass	Cellulose	Tectum Board	Mineral Pad	Parquet	0ak	Vinyl Tile	Vinyl Asbestos Tile
	Material		Acoustical	<u>v</u>			7	роом		Resilient
	Location	Ceiling	and	Wall	Covering			Flooring	,	

TABLE 17 DERATING FACTORS FOR DETERMINING COMBUSTIBLE CONTRIBUTION FOR ENCLOSED CONTENTS

Type of	Container Material	De Ratio of enclose combustibles in	erating Factor d combustible we room weight	eight to total
Conta mer	Haterrar	(<50%)	(50%-80%)	(<80%)
	Wood	1.0	1.0	1.0
Desk, Table Cabinet	Me ta l	0.40	0.20	0.10
	Plastic	1.0	1.0	1.0
	Wood	1.0	1.0	1.0
Shelving	Meta1	0.75	0.75	0.75
	Plastic	1.0	1.0	1.0
Misc. Item	Non- Combustible	0.75	0.75	0.75

### 3.3 Survey Data

Three sets of data collection forms were developed to obtain the information on the building characteristics, the building occupants and the room contents. The forms and instructions for collecting the data are included in Appendix B. The procedure adopted for processing this information is discussed in Section 3.5.

The Building Characteristics Form contains information on the building location, age, height, vertical load resisting system and the type of occupants. The building name and address were recorded only for general identification purposes. The building number assigned to each building was used for reference purposes in processing the data.

Information on the type and age of the firms occupying the buildings was collected on the Occupancy Data portion of the Building Characteristics Form. The classification of firms was in accordance with standard classifications developed to promote uniformity and comparability in the presentation of statistical data (31). Firm names were used only for identification purposes.

Locations for the firms were recorded directly on the floor plans of the building. Each area in the building was classified in accordance with the area use categories given in the instructions for annotating the building plans contained in Appendix B.

The data collected on the room contents is included in the Fire Load and Live Load Survey Form in Appendix B. The forms include data for the bounding surfaces (floors, walls and ceiling) as well as the The data include information on most of the impormoveable contents. tant parameters affecting fire growth and fire severity (32). Data on some factors such as density, specific heat, etc. were not collected due to the difficulty in obtaining this information in a field survey of this type. Data on the characteristics of the bounding surfaces and the door and window openings (Form 1) were included in view of their effect on fire severity (46). Forms 2 through 6 were designed to collect data on the moveable contents. The descriptive data on the characteristics of furniture and equipment are required to obtain the weights of the items using the transfer functions. This information is also useful for characterizing the type and combustibility properties of room contents. Although discussions with furniture manufacturers established the fact that plastic is not generally used as the main construction material for office furniture, plastic was included on the forms as a material type. This was done since in some cases furniture intended for other than office use is sometimes used and the amount of plastic furniture in offices is of interest with respect to the fire problem.

In recording the locations of the items within the room, only the proximity of the item with respect to the walls was determined. As noted on the form, the location of the item was recorded as being within 2 ft. of a wall or greater than 2 ft. from a wall. Although load locations have been recorded more precisely in previous surveys, the analysis included in Appendix A indicated that the procedure adopted in this project is satisfactory.

TABLE 18 SUMMARY OF WEIGHT DATA FOR ROOM BOUNDING SURFACES

Walls, Ceilings and Floors

	Data Source			National Paint and Coatings Association Washington, D. C.			Refs. 40, 41	Ref 43	Wall Coverings Council, Inc. New York, N.Y.				Refs. 40, 41			
45 alla 1 1001 3	Weight Range (lb/ft²)	0.004 0.016		0.005- 0.021	0.009- 0.037	.006-	0.5-0.8	0.05-0.15 0.04-0.05	0.03-0.06			0.04-0.14				
walls, cellings and ilous	Thickness Range (in)			0.001 to 0.003 per	coat		0.08-0.12	0.011-0.013	1 1 1			0.1-0.44				
	Туре	Varnish	Lacquer	Solvent-thinned (oil)	Primer	Water-thinned (latex)	Glass Rein- forced Plastic	Vinyl Wall Covering	Wall	Nylon	Polyester	Fiberglass	Acrylic	Vinyl	Cotton	Wool
:	Material		Dainte	and	Enamels		High	vensity Plastic	Paper			Textile	or	Drapes		
	Location						celling and	Wall	covering							

# TABLE 18 SUMMARY OF WEIGHT DATA FOR ROOM BOUNDING SURFACES (Continued)

# Walls, Ceilings and Floors

						Covering	Wall	and	Ceiling			Location
Board	Gypsum-							Wood				Material
Vinyl Surfaced	Paper Covered	Mahogany	0ak	Cypress	Cedar	Fir	Pine	Hardboard	Particle Board	Softwood Plywood	Hardwood Plywood	Туре
0.25 0.625	0.25- 0.625	0.625	0.625	0.625	0.625	0.625	0.625	0.125- 0.375	0.375- 0.750	0.125- 0.375	0.125- 0.375	Thickness Range (in)
1.1-2.5	1.1-2.5	1.7	2.2	1.6	1.0	1.6	1.0	0.5-1.5	1.5-3.1	0.4-1.2	0.4-1.2	Weight Range (1b/ft <sup>2</sup> )
	Ref. 41										Refs. 40, 41, 42	Data Source

Fire Load

\_ Weight in 1b from Transfer
\_ Function or Weight Estimate

×

fraction total item weight assumed combustible

×

Cellulose Conversion Factor

TABLE 16 FIRE LOAD VALUES FOR EQUIPMENT, PAPER, BOOKS, AND OTHER FREE AND ENCLOSED CONTENTS

Misc. and Other Free and Enclosed Contents	Telephone	Calculator	Typewriter	Paper, Books	Item
Combustible	Plastic	Metal or Plastic	Metal or Plastic	Paper	Material Type
100	50	50	25	100	% Total Item Weight Assumed Combustible
8000	14000	12000	12000	8000	Calorific Value (BTU/1b.)
1.00	1.75	1.50	1.50	1.00	Celiulose Conversion Factor (Calorific Value/8000)

TABLE 18 SUMMARY OF WEIGHT DATA
FOR ROOM BOUNDING SURFACES (Continued)

# Walls, Ceilings, and Floors

	Flooring											Location
Casa	Carpet			Resilient (cont.)				Material				
Rubber	Composite (Rubberized Hair)	Polyester	Acrylic	Nylon	Wool	Underlayment	Rubber Tile	Vinyl Sheet	Linoleum	Asphalt		Туре
-	1	0.16.0.28	0.16-0.28	0.16-0.28	0.16-0.28	0.03-0.125	0125-0.25	0.09	0.09	0.125	(in)	Thickness
1.3-0.7	0.2-0.4	0.4-0.5	0.4-0.5	0.4-0.5	0.5-0.6	:	1.2-2.4	0.9	0.9	1.2	(1b/ft <sup>2</sup> )	Weight
The Wool Bureau, Inc. New York, N. Y.	The Carpet and Rug Institute Dalton, Ga.	The Carpet Rug Institute Dalton, Ga.		NEW TOTA, N. I.	The Wool Bureau, Inc.			Ref 36	Lancaster, Pa.			Data Source

TABLE 18 SUMMARY OF WEIGHT DATA
FOR ROOM BOUNDING SURFACES (Continued)

Walls, Ceilings and Floors

			Location				
(Base Cove)	Plastic	= ;		Wood		Material	
9	4"	2-1/2"	Molding 3/4" - 2"	Casing 2" - 4"	Baseboard 4" - 6"	Туре	
	0.08			0.625		Thickness Range (in)	
0.38	0.26	0.16	0.18	9.40	0.67	Weight Range (1b/ft <sup>2</sup> )	
Lancaster, Pennsylvania	Armstrona Cork Company			Manufacturers Association Memphis, Tennessee	Na+400al Oct [100al]	Data Source	

# TABLE 19 SUMMARY OF FIRE LOAD DATA FOR ROOM BOUNDING SURFACES

Walls, Ceilings and Floors

								Covering	Wall	and	)			Location
			מבמט			Tox+:10	Paper	Plastic	High	Ename1s	and	D 15 + 1		Material
Wool	Cotton	Vinyl	Acrylic	Fiberglass	Polyester	Nylon	Wall	Vinyl Wall Covering	Glass Reinforced Plastic	Water-thinned (latex)	Solvent-thinned (oil)	Lacquer	Varnish	Туре
0006	7000	9000	8000-9200	100-200	12,000-13,000	14,000	8000	6000-10,000	5000-8000		2000-5000			Heat Content Range (Btu/1b )
Ref. 37	Ref. 37	Ref. 34	Unnublished NBS Test Data	Unpublished NBS Test Data	Unpublished NBS Test Data	Ref. 39	Ref. 37	Unpublished NBS Test Data	Ref. 35				Refs.34, 35	Data Source

TABLE 19 SUMMARY OF FIRE LOAD DATA FOR ROOM BOUNDING SURFACES (Continued)

Refs. 34, 36, 37 Data Source 34 38 Ref. Ref. Walls, Ceilings and Floors Heat Content Range (Btu/1b ) 800-1000 400-800 8000 Hard Board Particle Board Hardwood Plywood Softwood Plywood Mahogany Vinyl Surfaced Paper Covered Cypress Cedar Type Pine Fir 0ak Material Gypsum Board Mood Location Covering Ceiling and Wall

TABLE 19 SUMMARY OF FIRE LOAD DATA FOR ROOM BOUNDING SURFACES (Continued)

Walls, Ceilings and Floors

Data Source	Ref. 33	Refs.34,35,36	Ref. 37	Ref. 34	Ref. 37	Ref. 34	Refs.34,36	Ref. 35
Heat Content Range (Btu/lb )	1000	1000-3000	8000	2000	8000	8000	0006	2000
Type	Mineral (Painted)	Fiber Glass	Cellulose	Tectum Board	Plywood	Oak (Parquet strip)	Vinyl Tile/Sheet	Vinyl Asbestos Tile
Material		Acoustical	Tile		700			Resilient
Location	Ceiling	and	Wall	Ċòvering			Flooring	

TABLE19 SUMMARY OF FIRE LOAD DATA FOR ROOM BOUNDING SURFACES (Continued)

Walls, Ceilings and Floors

								,			
	Data Source	Ref. 36	Ref, 34	Unpublished NBS Test Data	Ref. 35	Ref. 37	Ref. 39	Ref. 47	Ref. 37	Unpublished NBS Test Data	Unpublished NBS Test Data
walls, cellings and riours	Heat Content Range (Btu/lb )	3000	8000	14000	500	0006	14000	8000-9000	12000-1300 <mark>0</mark>	8000	14000
walls, ce	Туре	Asphalt	Linoleum	Rubber Tile	Underlàyment	Wool	Nylon	Acrylic	Polyester	Composite (Rubberized Hair)	Rubber
	Material		1 2 2 2	(Cont.)			Carpeting			Carpet	
	Location						Flooring				

TABLE 19 SUMMARY OF FIRE LOAD DATA FOR ROOM BOUNDING SURFACES (Continued)

Walls, Ceilings, and Floors

	Data Source		Ref. 34			Ref. 34	
Warls, Cellings, and Floors	Heat Content Range (Btu/lb )		8000			7000	
wa F15	Туре	Baseboard 4" - 6"	Casing 2" - '4"	Molding 3/4" - 2"	2 1/2"	4"	6"
	Material		роом		H.D.	(Bace Cove)	
	Location			Trim			

TABLE 20 FINAL FIRE LOAD VALUES USED FOR ROOM BOUNDING SURFACES

Location	Material	Calorific Value (BTU/lb)	Equivalent Fire Load (1b/ft <sup>2</sup> )			
	Wood	8000	1.0			
	Meta1	0	0			
Ceiling	Plastic	6000	0.6			
	Acous. Tile	2000	0.2			
	Non-comb.	0	0			
	Wood	8000	2.0			
E1	Non-comb.	0	0			
Floor	Res. Floor	4000	0.6			
	Carpet	12000	1.0			
	Wood	8000	1.0			
	Metal	0	0			
W-11 M-+	Plastic	6000	0.6			
Wall Material	Non-comb:	0	0			
	Plaster	0	0			
	Gypsum Board	1000	0.2			
	Paper	8000	0.1			
	Drapes	8000	0.1			
Wall Covering	Vinvl	10000	0.1			
	Paint	4000	0.1			
, and the second	Wood	8000	* 0.4			
Tuin	Metal	0	* 0			
Trim	Plastic	6000	* 0.2			
	Rubber	10000	* 0.2			

<sup>\*</sup> lbs/ft rather than lb/ft<sup>2</sup>

The contribution of heat of paper, books and equipment is affected by their containment. Therefore, for these items, a distinction was made between free and enclosed contents. Papers, books and equipment located on top of furniture items and directly exposed to combustion are categorized as free contents. Enclosed contents are items located in drawers or other containers where complete burning may or may not occur. In addition, for paper and books, the percent compaction or the ratio of the volume of material to the smallest volume that would contain the material was recorded since this will also affect the burning behavior as noted in Section 3.2.

Form 7 was used for miscellaneous items not included on Forms 2 through 6. In this case the weight of the item was estimated by the surveyor, since transfer functions to obtain this weight were not developed.

Recognizing that the number of items in a room varies, the room survey forms were developed accordingly. As indicated in the instructions included in Appendix B, this flexibility was provided for by using the appropriate number of forms. Similarly, Forms A, B, and C were developed for use as supplemental sheets to handle situations where sufficient space was not available on Forms 2 through 6 for recording all the data.

The data collection forms were intended for use in the entire survey. In view of the two-phase nature of the survey and the possibility of adding additional data following completion of the 25 buildings in Phase I, space for recording such data was provided. The Special Item or "just in case" (JIC) category was included for this purpose. Although it was not possible to anticipate the exact type of additional data which might be required, weight and dimensions were selected as being the important characteristics. The decision to use this section of the form for additional items for which the weight and dimensions will be recorded, will be made following analysis of the results of the Phase I survey. Based on experience in pretesting the forms in the survey of the NBS Administration building, this portion of the form was also used for miscellaneous enclosed and free contents associated with furniture (see instructions in Appendix B). This was done to expedite the field survey operations.

### 3.4 Survey Procedure

## 3.4.1 General

As previously noted, the objective of the survey was to determine the factors which affect the fire loads and live loads in office buildings. Although previous surveys provided some guidance in this regard, it was still necessary to assume many of the factors and design the survey to investigate their effects.

Two groups of factors were used. The first relates to the overall characteristics of the building and the second relates to the characteristics of the areas or rooms within the building. For the building characteristics it was assumed that the following factors may affect the loading:

- 1. Geographic location of the building
- 2. Building height
- 3. Building age
- 4. Type of occupancy

The area or room characteristics include:

- 1. Type of firm or establishment occupying the area
- 2. Room use

Selection of the buildings and the rooms within the buildings to be surveyed was made to determine the effects of these characteristics. Recognizing the variety of characteristics involved and the necessary prior assumptions, the overall survey was stratified into two phases. The first phase consisting of 25 buildings was planned to identify the important characteristics. Planning of the second phase was deferred pending analysis of the Phase I results. It was anticipated that this two-phase approach would facilitate identification of the significant characteristics in the first survey. During the second phase the less significant characteristics would be eliminated and the survey would concentrate on the significant characteristics.

The selection process used for the first phase is described in the subsequent sections of this chapter. Planning for the second phase will commence following analysis of the Phase I data.

### 3.4.2 Building Selection

The advantages of selecting the buildings to be surveyed based on the characteristics assumed to affect the loads were pointed out by Cornell (22). The primary advantage involves utilizing the survey results to predict loads for any population of buildings with a given set of characteristics. Consider, for example, the current office building population, as consisting of several smaller populations subdivided on the basis of the building characteristics noted. Knowing the fraction of the total population contained in each of the smaller populations and obtaining mean loads for each subpopulations permits the determination of the mean value of the loads for the total population using a weighted sum. The mean values for these subpopulations may also be used for estimating values for future populations with a different distribution of subpopulations simply by changing the weighting factors. This is obviously the case of interest for the purpose of design codes which apply to future construction. Random sampling from the present building population with no consideration of the characteristics will only produce results applicable to the current but not necessarily to the future population.

Having adopted the concept of subpopulations based on building characteristics and a two-phase survey, it would be possible to determine the amount of sampling which should be done within each subpopulation to improve the reliability of the estimate of the mean for the total population, either current or future. To do this, however, the fraction of the total population contained within each subpopulation must be known since it is used to calculate the estimate of the mean for the total population from the sample means of the subpopulations.

The total population for this project is all office buildings in the United States. To obtain information on the building characteristics of this population, the following agencies were contacted: Bureau of the Census; the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency, which collects building data as part of their fallout shelter and All Effects Survey Program; and various private insurance companies. However, the limited data available did not include all the characteristics of interest and was not representative of the total office building population.

Data on these characteristics, however, were obtained for approximately 1000 Federal government office buildings from the General Services Administration (GSA) and approximately 1000 private office buildings from the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) 224 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The GSA data represented office buildings owned and controlled by the GSA. As indicated in Table 21, the data represented only a small fraction of the Federal buildings since many such buildings are controlled by other agencies. Similarly the BOMA data only contains information on buildings whose owners or managers belong to BOMA.

In view of the lack of complete data representative of the total United States office building population, it was decided that the GSA and BOMA data would be used to select buildings for the Phase I survey. This data was first reduced and plotted according to geographic location, building height and building age. These results are shown in Figs. 7 through 20. The groupings used to plot the data were arbitrarily selected. In plotting these figures the states and the District of Columbia were ordered as shown in Table 22 according to population figures determined from the 1970 Census. Figs. 7 and 14 indicate the age group breakdown by state, and Figs. 8 and 15, the height breakdown. The mean age of the buildings in each state is shown in Figs. 9 and 16 and the mean height in Figs. 10 and 18 and in each height group in Figs. 12 and 19. The mean height for each age group is shown in Figs. 13 and 20. The total number of buildings, N, is listed on each figure. Data were available for 929 government buildings and for approximately 1100 private buildings, some data were missing for some private buildings.

The following trends may be noted in these figures:

### A. Government Buildings

- 1. The majority of the buildings are greater than 20 years old (Fig. 7).
- 2. The mean height is somewhat related to age (Fig. 13). For buildings 6-10 years old, the mean height is approximately 7 stories. For buildings less than 6 years or greater than 10 years old, the mean height is between 4 and 5 stories.
- 3. The mean height is somewhat related to geographic location (Fig. 10).

TABLE 21 SUMMARY OF EXISTING GOVERNMENT BUILDING SPACE\*

GSA Controlled (office only)	GSA Controlled (all space)	Government-wide (except USPS)		
1,570	2,309	400,545	0wned	
7,291	7,686	49,197	Leașed	No. of Buildings
8,861 98.6	9,995 149.0	449,742 2,417	Total	ings
98.6	149.0	2,417	0wned	(Mill
65.1	72.0	180.7	Leased	Area (Million sq. ft.)
163.7	221.0	2,597.7	Total	

<sup>\*</sup> Summary of Buildings Management Costs (7/1/73 - 12/31/73, RCS - PB 15, General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service

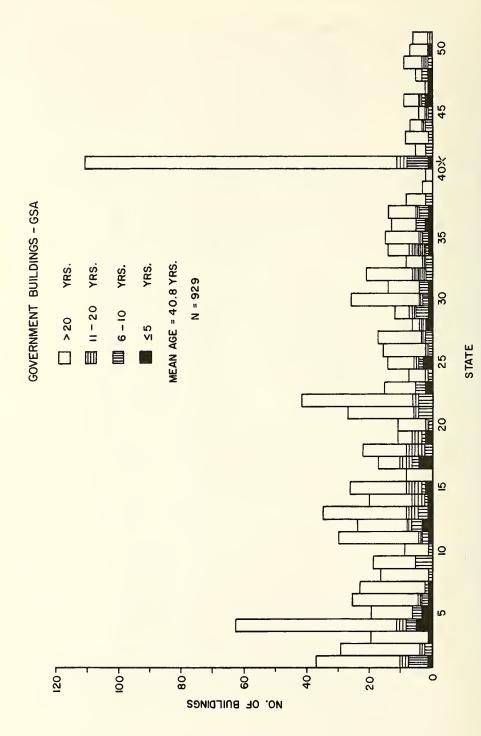


Fig. 7 Geographical Distribution of Government Office Buildings by Age

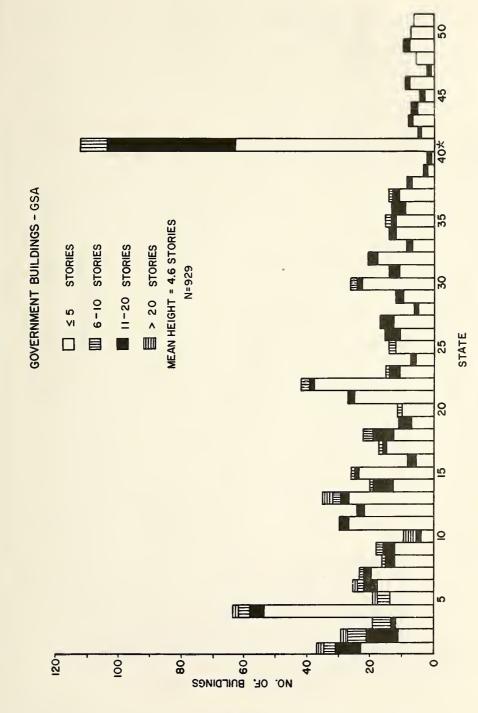
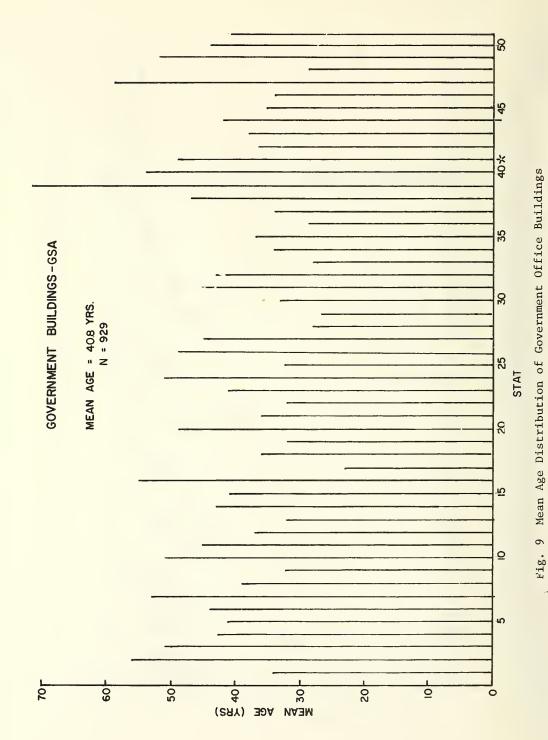


Fig. 8 Geographical Distribution of Government Office Buildings by Height



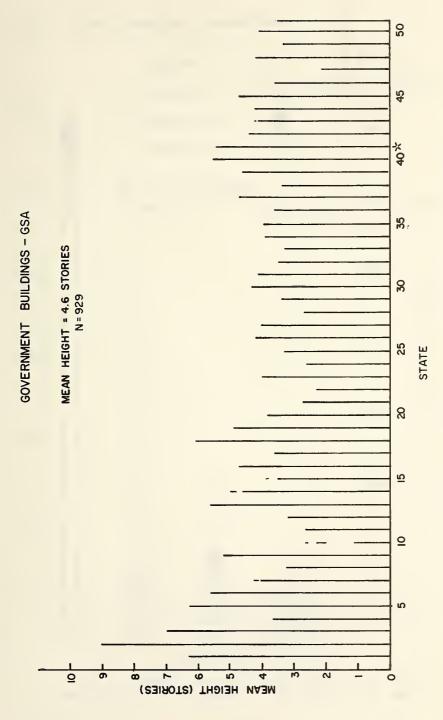


Fig. 10 Mean Height Distribution of Government Office Buildings

# GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS - GSA

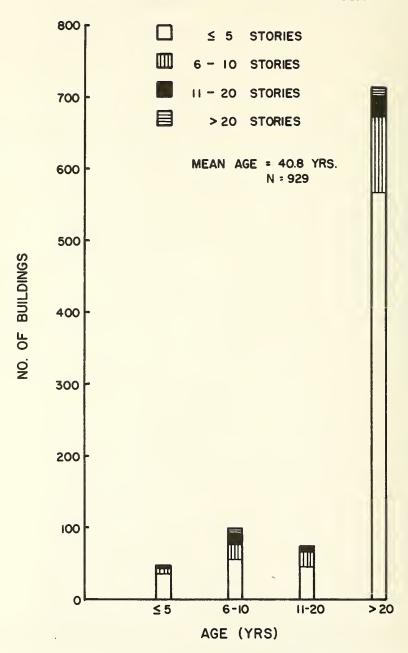


Fig. 11 Age Grouping of Government Office Buildings

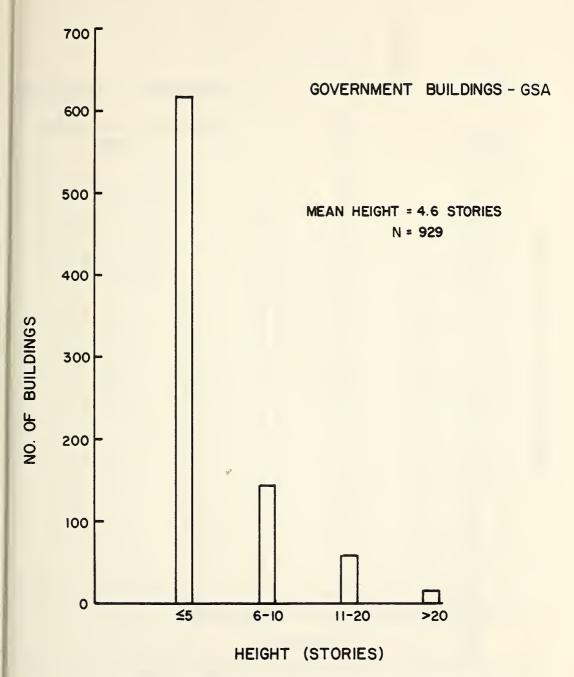


Fig. 12 Height Grouping of Government Office Buildings

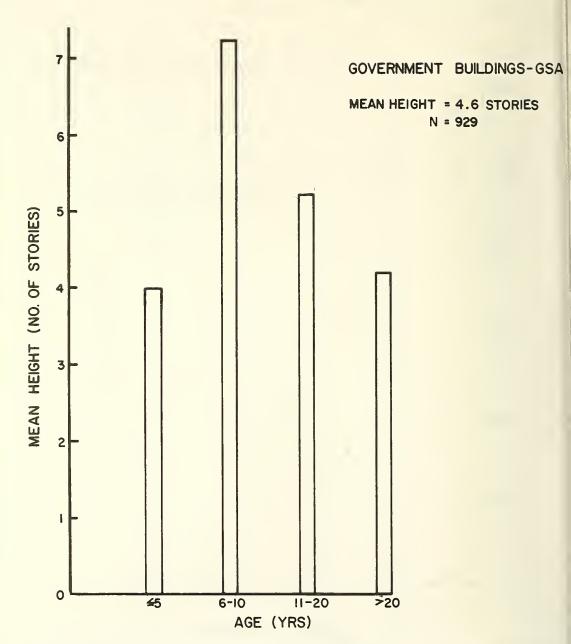


Fig. 13 Relationship Between Mean Height and Age for Government Office Buildings

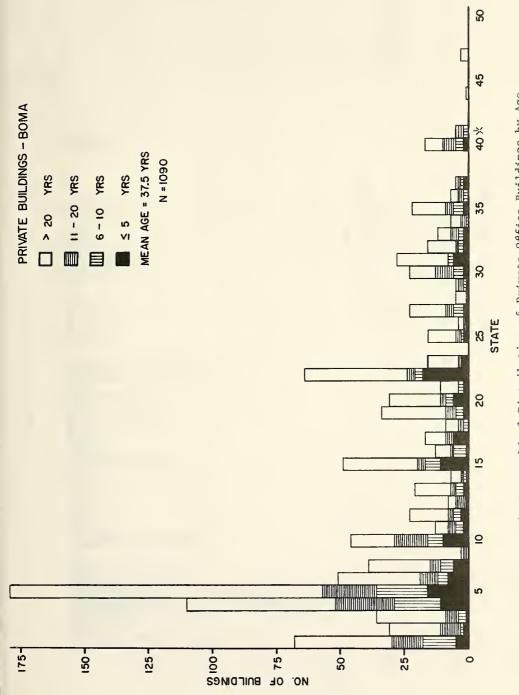


Fig. 14 Geographical Distribution of Private Office Buildings by Age

Fig. 15 Geographical Distribution of Private Office Buildings by Height

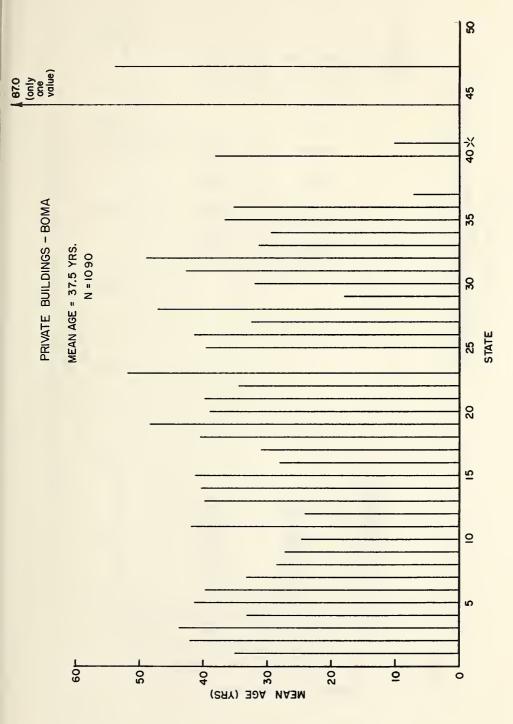


Fig. 16 Mean Age Distribution of Private Office Buildings

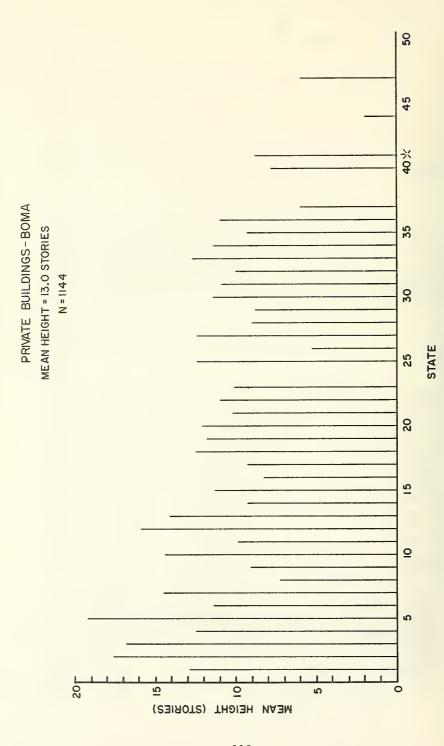


Fig. 17 Mean Height Distribution of Private Office Buildings

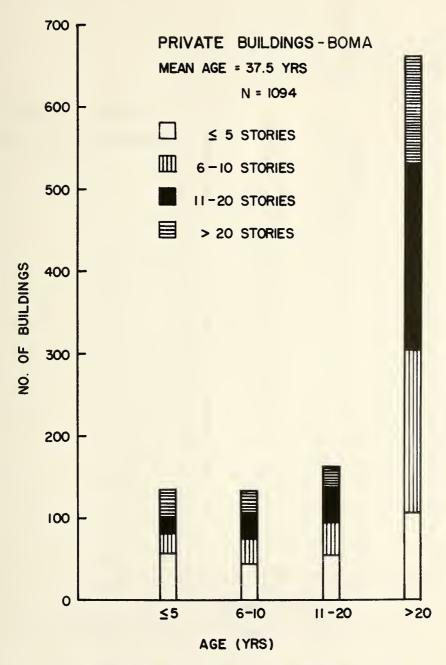


Fig. 18 Age Grouping of Private Office Buildings

Fig. 19 Height Grouping of Private Office Buildings

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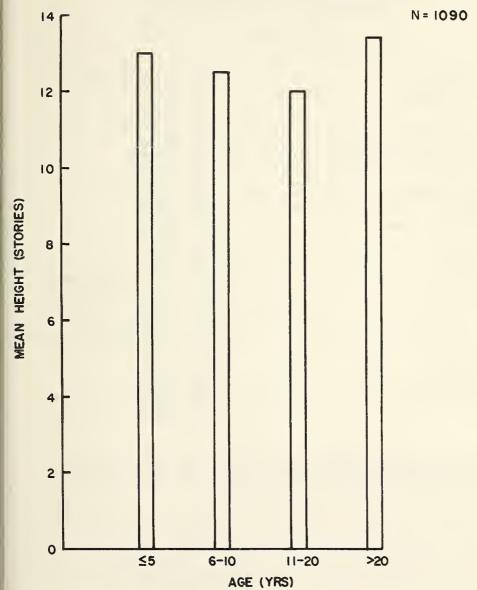


Fig. 20 Relationship Between Mean Height and Age for Private Office Buildings

# TABLE 22 STATES RANKED BY POPULATION

(1970 Census\*)

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	New Hampshire
	Idaho
	Montana
	South Dakota
	North Dakota
	Delaware
	Nevada
	Vermont
	Wyoming
51.	Alaska

26. South Carolina

<sup>\*</sup> Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1972, 93rd Edition, Bureau of the Census

- 4. Building age does vary somewhat with geographic location (Fig. 9). The building ages appear to be grouped between 30 and 50 years old.
- 5. Approximately, 14% of the buildings are in Washington, D. C. The location of the remaining buildings is somewhat related to population (Fig. 7).

#### B. Private Buildings

- 1. The majority of the buildings are greater than 20 years old (Fig. 14).
- The mean height does not appear to be related to age (Fig. 20).
- 3. The mean height does not vary much with geographic location (Fig. 17). Building height is fairly equally distributed in the 1-20 story range with approximately 20% of the buildings being greater than 20 stories.
- 4. Building age does vary somewhat with geographic location (Fig. 16). The building ages appear to be grouped between 25 and 45 years old.
- Most of the buildings are located in Illinois, Texas, California, Florida, Georgia and Washington (Fig. 14).

Since the data for the building characteristics did not indicate any well defined trends, the concept of factorial experiment design (28) was adopted to select the 25 buildings to be surveyed in Phase I. In such an experiment several factors are involved with each factor having several values or "levels". The experiment plan consists of taking an observation at each one of all possible combinations that can be formed for the different levels of the factors.

Recognizing that the use of 50 states or 50 levels for geographic location would lead to an extremely large number of combinations, the four geographic regions used by the Bureau of the Census and shown in Fig. 21 were adopted.

Using three factors (geographic location, height, age) each having four levels gives a 4<sup>3</sup> factorial experiment with 64 combinations for each of the two occupancy types, government and private or a total of 128 combinations. Selecting only one building for each combination of factors would thus require surveying 128 buildings. To reduce this number, consideration was given to fractional factorial designs (28). A one-fourth fraction of the complete factorial experiment would require 16 combinations of geographic location, height, and age for each occupancy type. When interactions among these factors are negligible (with respect to their relation to load attributes), then the effects of the three factors can all be estimated from the reduced design. Further reduction was achieved by deciding to concentrate on private buildings.

The decision was made to survey 20 private buildings and 5 government buildings in the Phase I survey. For the 16 combinations involved this permitted inclusion of more than one private building for some of the combinations and no government buildings for some of the combinations. Although the resulting design is not perfectly balanced, a one-fourth fraction of the  $4^3$  experiment is imbedded in it for the private buildings, using only the first age group listed in a cell of Table 23A.

The number of buildings to be surveyed for each of the combinations is shown in Table 23. The NBS Administration building used to pretest the data collection procedure is included in Table 23B as an additional government building. In the case of private buildings at least one building was included in each category. This provided coverage of the entire height range and would facilitate determining whether building height does affect fire and live loads in the rooms within a building.

Since the selection of 20 buildings permitted more than one building in some of the 16 categories, the remaining 4 buildings were included in the high-rise category as shown in Table 23A. Concentration, however, on high-rise buildings to the exclusion of low-rise buildings in the Phase I was not deemed advisable. Determination of the influence building height may have on the location of rooms within a building and the consequent live load reduction factors used in design was deferred to the Phase II portion of the survey. For government buildings, it was decided to concentrate on low-rise structures with more than one building selected in the northeastern portion of the country as shown in Table 23B. Stratification of the total survey into two phases permits the use of different selections for the Phase II portion depending upon the Phase I results.

Table 23A shows all combinations of geographic location and height, but also notice that the ages for the buildings in a given height group and a given regional group were selected to insure that all four age groups were included for each row or column in the matrix in Table 23A.

Having determined the characteristics for the buildings to be included in the Phase I survey, the actual buildings were then selected from the GSA and BOMA lists. The buildings from each list were grouped according to the location, height and age factors indicated in Table 23. The appropriate number of buildings for each category were then selected at random from these groups. The 25 buildings selected according to the above procedure and the NBS Administration building are shown in Table 24, and the locations indicated in Fig. 22. The actual buildings are only identified by a building number assigned for the purposes of the survey and not by building name. This building number will be used in future reports which include the survey results.

#### 3.4.3 Room Selection

Two considerations influence the selection of the rooms to be surveyed within the buildings chosen. The first involves determining the effects which assumed factors such as room use and type of occupancy have on the magnitudes of the loads. The second involves the combined effect of loads in several areas within the building on the

[Abaska and Hawail are drawn at different scales from conterminous United States and are not shown in their correct relative geographic positions] MAP OF THE UNITED STATES, SHOWING CENSUS REGIONS AND DIVISIONS

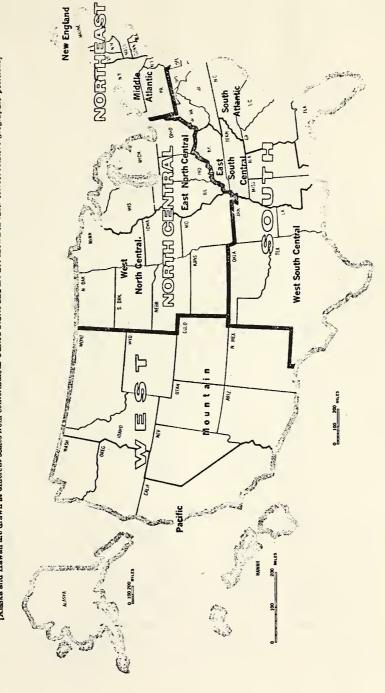


Fig. 21 Census Regions of The United States

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

TABLE 23 NUMBER OF BUILDINGS INCLUDED IN EACH CATEGORY IN PHASE I SURVEY

A. Private Buildings

77-201				
neignt	geodrapi	seographic Location		
(No. of Stories)	Northeast	Northcentral	South	West
1-5	(1)	(III) l	(II)	ا (۱۷)
6-10	(III) L	1 (1)	1 (IV)	1 (11)
11-20	(N) L	1 (II)	(I) (I)	ا (۱۱۱۱) ا
> 20	3 (II, I, IV)	( \( \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \lambda & \lambda & \end{array} \end{array} \)	2 (III, II <sub>1</sub> )	2

B. Government Buildings

ion	Northcentral South West	(III) \( (I) \( (II) \)	_	1*(11) 0	0 0
Geographic Location	Northeast Nor	l (IV)	0	0	1 (1)
Height	No. of Stories	1-5	6-10	11-20	> 20

\* NBS Administration Building

( ) Age Group I 1-5 yrs. II 6-10 yrs. III 11-20 yrs. IV >20 yrs. structural system. Information useful in establishing live load reduction factors and the variation of load through the height of the building for purposes of designing the vertical load resisting systems are important with regard to this second consideration.

For the Phase I survey the decision was made to concentrate on the first consideration. Explicit consideration of the combined effects of loads in several areas was deferred to Phase II. Note that results obtained from the Phase I survey would facilitate selection of the portions of the Phase II buildings to concentrate on, to determine the influence of various factors on the loads on the structural system.

Recognizing that the magnitude of the load varies from room to room, it is of interest to establish the form of this variation. In particular, data from the tails of the frequency distribution are required, i.e., load magnitudes for the lightly loaded and heavily loaded rooms and the number of these rooms in the building. In originally planning the survey, it was anticipated that a special effort would be made to obtain relatively more detailed data on the tails of the distribution (22). Two considerations have caused this part of the survey design to be deferred. First, identification and selection of unusually "light" or "heavy" rooms involves partly-subjective judgment on the part of surveyors. Second, correct interpretation of load data from selected "tail" rooms depends on knowledge of the number or frequency of occurrence of such rooms in a building. That is, even if surveyors are able to select "tail" rooms accurately, there must be a record of the search procedure and of the number of rooms examined in the search for such rooms. In order to avoid imposing this burden on the surveyors, special emphasis on obtaining data on the tails of the distribution was omitted as a design criterion in the Phase I survey. It is anticipated that reduction of the data obtained from the Phase I survey will permit determination of the features which characterize "heavy" rooms. This should minimize the subjective judgment required of the surveyors and facilitate selecting rooms to obtain data on the tails of the distribution in the Phase II survey. Explicit determination of data on the tails of the distribution, therefore, was not used as a criterion to select the rooms in the Phase I survey. Instead, the rooms were selected solely on the basis of the factors assumed to influence load magnitude.

The room characteristic factors selected to be studied in the Phase I sample included: room use and the type of firm occupying the room. Since previous surveys have indicated that the size of the room affects the shape and variance of the frequency distribution for the magnitude of loads, this factor was also included. These three factors may or may not affect the distributions of load magnitudes to a significant degree (statistical and/or practical significance is understood here). The same is true for factors (geographic, height, etc.) describing whole buildings. In order to facilitate the pooling of data corresponding to different factor-combinations, when the factor effects have been judged to be negligible, an effort was made to use a constant sampling fraction (i.e., the same percentage of rooms within each building). Where possible, a constant sampling fraction was used in different buildings within factor-combinations (room use - room size - type of firm).

# TABLE 24 CHARACTERISTICS OF BUILDINGS INCLUDED IN PHASE I SURVEY

Building Number	Loca Region	tion State	Occupancy Type	Height (No. of Stories)	Age (Years)
1 2 3 4 5 6	North- East	Conn. N.Y. Penn. Mass. Mass. N.Y.		4 6 20 40 29 37	< 1 19 79 6 4 42
7 8 9 10	North- Central	Iowa Mich. Wisc. Ill.	Private	5 6 20 25	14 4 8 15
12 13 14 15	South	Okla. Ga. Ga. Ga. Ga.		2 9 13 22 29	9 67 4 13 6
16 17 18 19 20	West	Calif. Oreg. Az. Wash. Colo.		5 7 17 50 23	64 6 12 5 20
21 22	North- East	Penn. N.Y.		3 42	46 6
23	North- Central	I11.	Government	2	8
24 * 25	South	Md. Ga.		12 2	10 5
26	West	Colo.		2	11

<sup>\*</sup> NBS Administration Building

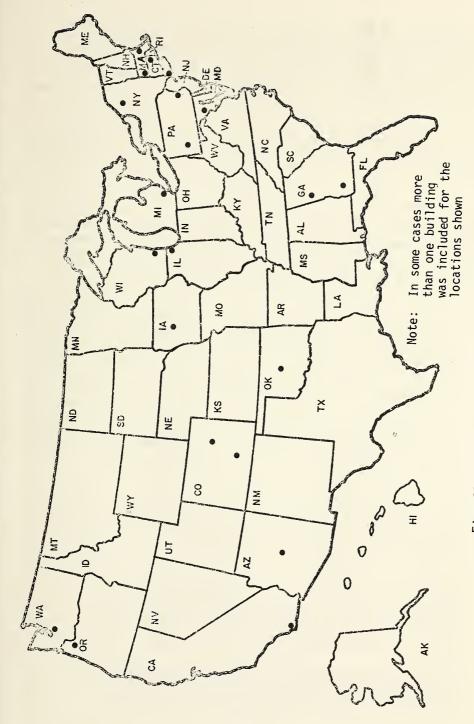


Fig. 22 Location of Buildings in Phase I Survey

Assuming a mean net area of approximately 1000,000 ft<sup>2</sup> for a building based on studies of the GSA building data cited previously and an average of 150 ft<sup>2</sup> per room it was estimated that the 25 buildings in the Phase I survey would contain approximately 15,000 rooms. Since in the total project involving 100 buildings it was planned to survey approximately 10,000 rooms, a sample size of about 2500 rooms was desired for Phase I. Based on this, a sampling rate of 15% or about 90 rooms was selected for each building. The seven room-use categories noted in section 3.3 and Appendix B do not occur with equal frequencies and an effort was made to allocate the sample rooms roughly in proportion to the frequencies of occurrence of room uses. This choice was based on the conjecture that room use was likely to be the factor accounting for the most significant differences in load magnitudes.

In developing the process for selecting the rooms to be surveyed in each building, the existence of several constraints was recognized. An individual building may lack, or have unusually few of, certain types of rooms; e.g., Building X may contain no conference rooms. Furthermore, room sizes and types of firms will often not cover the whole possible range within each individual building. The sampling plan was developed to allow for these contingencies. The procedure adopted for selecting the rooms to be surveyed was as follows:

- 1. Using the annotated building floor plans described in Appendix B containing information on room use and firm type, add the number of rooms in the building in the following use categories: general office; clerical office; lobby; conference room; file room; storage room; library and multiply by 15% to determine the total number of rooms to be surveyed in that building.
- 2. Group all the rooms in the building according to the seven room-use categories. Determine the number of rooms to be surveyed in each category by multiplying 90% of the number of rooms to be surveyed as determined in step 1 by the ratio of the number of rooms in the category to the total number of rooms in all seven categories.
- 3. Subdivide each room-use list from step 2 according to the ten basic firm types given in Appendix B. Further subdivide this list into rooms with area less than 200 ft $^2$  and rooms with area greater than 200 ft $^2$ .
- 4. Using the sample size for each room-use category determined in step 2, allocate the sample in the category proportionally among the firm type subcategories defined in step 3. Allocate the sample for each firm type determined in this manner proportionally among the two size groups for that firm. Randomly select the specific rooms to be surveyed from these lists.
- 5. Randomly select 11% of the specific rooms determined in step 4 i.e., 10% of the total determined in step 1. Select one adjacent room which borders on each of these rooms to also survey.

The selection of adjacent rooms indicated in step 5 was done to insure that survey data would be obtained for areas larger than one individual room. As noted by Cornell (22), such data is of interest with respect to live loads for use in designing the structural framing system. In this case structural bays [or notional bays as used by Mitchell (27)] are of interest rather than loads for individual rooms.

### 3.5 Data Processing

A complete description of the data processing and analysis including the computer programs developed for this purpose is included in a separate report (29). Only a general description of the procedures employed is presented herein.

Data from the Building Characteristics Form and the Occupancy Data are keypunched for processing. The data forms in Appendix B were set up to facilitate this operation. The numerical values recorded in the blocks provided on these forms and the multiple choice numerical values were keypunched directly without transferal to a keypunch coding sheet.

Data on the location of the various areas within the building are processed using a procedure specifically developed for this project. This involved the use of an electro optical scanning device (programmable flying spot scanner) to scan microfilm copies of specially prepared tracings of the building floor plans and transfer the information to magnetic tape. The procedure permitted determination of the geometric coordinates for the boundaries of all areas within the building (rooms, corridors, etc.) from which the plan area could be calculated. The floor plan tracings are relatively simple to prepare because it is only necessary to trace small portions of the area boundaries. A complete description of this procedure is given in a separate report (29). The data recorded on the floor plans for each area (area use, firm number, type of enclosure) is transferred to the specially prepared FOSDIC (Film Optical Sensing Device for Input to Computers) document shown in Appendix B. This is processed with the floor plan tracings.

The data collection form in Appendix B for the room contents is also a FOSDIC document. After being filled in by the field surveyors, the forms are microfilmed and the microfilm is processed using the same type scanning device as for the floor plans. The microfilm provides a convenient permanent record of the raw field data. Use of the FOSDIC documents and the automatic data processing eliminated the intermediate coding step involved with keypunching data and expedited the data processing operation.

All the data are transferred to magnetic tape for analysis purposes. The arrangement of the data on the tape and a description of the data analysis program is contained in a separate report (29).

## 3.6 Verification of Survey Technique

The survey technique adopted in this project differs in two respects from previous load surveys. First, an inventory technique using

transfer functions and mean weights to obtain the fire loads and live loads is employed as opposed to direct weighing. Second, only a sample of the rooms in any one building are surveyed as opposed to surveying all rooms. It is of interest to assess the effects of these two differences on the fire loads and live loads obtained from the survey.

In order to determine the effect of the inventory procedure, it is planned to compare results obtained in this manner with results from direct weighing. This will be done in the survey of the NBS Administration building. For several randomly selected rooms, total room loads determined using the survey procedure and transfer functions adopted herein will be compared with the total room load obtained by weighing all items in the room. The room contents will be weighed using the Bryson and Gross weighing procedure (15).

In originally planning the project, it was anticipated that this comparison could be made through computer simulation using the original Bryson and Gross data (22). This was not possible, however, because of the manner in which the Bryson and Gross data was recorded. Their procedure involving weighing furniture items together with the contents did not permit utilization of the transfer functions discussed in Section 3.2. Similarly, it was not possible to simulate the surveyors weight estimation of miscellaneous items adopted in this survey. Thus it was necessary to carry out the independent weight comparison noted.

Since the survey technique adopted involved some weight estimating by the surveyors, it was also necessary to ascertain the variability introduced as a result of these subjective estimates. For the randomly selected rooms to be weighed, therefore, several inventory surveys will be conducted. Approximately four different surveyors will independently survey each of the rooms. Comparing results for total room weight obtained by each surveyor together with results obtained from the weight survey will provide an indication of the variability introduced by the surveyors weight estimates.

The survey of the NBS Administration building will include the majority of rooms in the building as opposed to the procedure to be followed for the 100 buildings in which only a sample of the rooms are surveyed. Selecting several rooms from the building in accordance with the room selection procedure in Section 3.4.3, using the data from these rooms and the explanatory load models developed by Cornell to "predict" the loads in the remaining rooms and comparing these results for the entire building with the actual survey results for the entire building will permit evaluation of the approximations resulting from surveying only a sample of the rooms in a building.

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#### APPENDIX A

#### ACCURACY REQUIRED FOR DETERMINING LOAD LOCATION

The location and magnitude of loads in buildings are important in ascertaining their effects on the structure. For live loads, location with respect to the elements of the vertical load resisting system of the building is important. For fire loads, location with respect to the bounding surfaces or walls of the compartments is important with respect to fire severity effects on these structural elements and fire propagation to adjacent compartments.

As mentioned in discussing the survey data in Section 3.3, the locations of the loads in this project were determined using a two sector model composed of a perimeter strip extending 2 ft. in from the bounding walls and a single sector for the remaining portion of the room. The adequacy of this procedure and comparison of results obtained using more refined locations is considered in this Appendix for both fire load effects and live load effects.

#### Live Loads--Errors in the Determination of Load Coefficients

The location of loads may be an important consideration in conducting load surveys. In many previous surveys, the exact location of the loads in the building were recorded. Bryson and Gross (15) recorded the load locations only approximately. They divided each room into nine sectors and recorded the magnitude of loads in each sector without determining the exact locations. Using the Bryson and Gross data, Corotis (30, 49) studied the errors resulting from using nine sectors.

In a report to NBS, Cornell (22) recommended the use of a 5-sector model for the purpose of load surveys. The locations of the loads in the survey reported herein are to be recorded using a 2-sector model, which consists of a perimeter strip extending 2 ft. from the bounding walls and a middle sector containing the remaining portion of the room. Since any portion of the furniture items rather than the center of gravity is used to locate the item in one of these 2 sectors, the survey model used is really a one sector or room model for live load purposes. Certain measures of the discretization error using 2-sector, 5-sector, and 9-sector models are computed herein for purposes of comparison.

Consider a structural bay enclosed by four columns containing a room which is divided into nm sectors as shown in Figure A2. Following Corotis (30), assume that the location of the load is equally likely to occur anywhere within the room, i.e.,

$$f_{XY}(x,y) = \frac{1}{a_{ij}}$$
 if  $(x,y)$  is in ij<sup>th</sup> sector (A1)

where X, Y are random variables denoting the location of a point load in the  $ij^{th}$  sector,  $f_{XY}$  (x,y) denotes the joint probability density function and  $a_{ij}$  denotes the area of the  $ij^{th}$  sector.

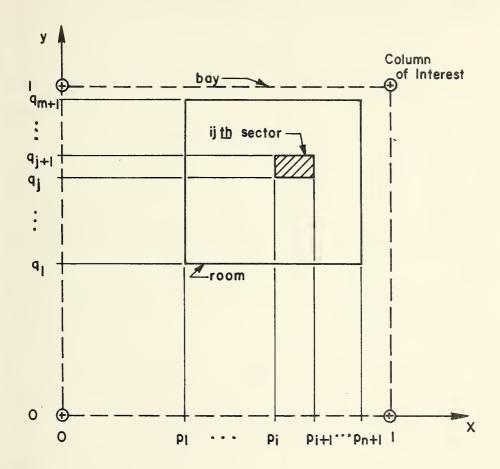


Fig. Al - Bay Model

Furthermore, let S(X, Y) be the influence surface for the bay. Then the expected value of the influence coefficient in the  $ij^{th}$  sector can be found as follows:

$$E[S_{ij}(X,Y)] = \int_{p_i}^{p_{i+1}} dx \int_{q_i}^{q_{j+1}} dy S(X,Y) \frac{1}{a_{ij}}$$
 (A2)

Following Corotis (30), and Clough and Tocher (50), assume that

$$S(X, Y) = S_1(X) S_2(Y)$$
 (A3)

As examples, for axial-loads in the column,

$$S_1 (x) = 3 x^2 - 2 x^3$$
 (A4a)

$$s_2 (Y) = 3 Y^2 - 2 Y^3$$
 (A4b)

and for bending moment about the y-axis of the column,

$$S_1 (X) + X^2 - X^3$$
 (A4c)

$$S_2(Y) = 3Y^2 - 2Y^3$$
 (A4d)

Consequently

$$E[S_{ij}(X, Y)] = a_{ij}[w_1(p_{i+1}) - w_1(p_i)][z_1(q_{j+1}) - z_1(q_j)]$$
(A5)

where,

$$w_1 (x) = \int S_1(x) dx$$
 (A6a)

$$z_1 (y) = \int S_2(y) dy$$
 (A6b)

similarly,

$$E[S_{ij}^{2}(X,Y)] = \int_{p_{i}}^{p_{i+1}} dx \int_{q_{j}}^{q_{j+1}} dy S^{2}(x,y) \frac{1}{a_{ij}}$$

$$\frac{1}{a_{ij}} [w_2(p_{i+1}) - w_2(p_i)] [z_2(q_{j+1}) - z_2(q_j)]$$
(A7)

where

$$w_2(x) = \int S_1^2(x) dx \tag{A8a}$$

$$z_2(y) = \int S_2^2(y) dy \tag{A8b}$$

The variance of  $S_{ii}$  (X,Y) can be computed as follows:

$$Var[S_{ij}] = Var[S_{ij}(X,Y)] = E[S_{ij}^{2}(X,Y)] - (E[S_{ij}(X,Y)])^{2}$$
(A9)

Define  $\mathbf{Q}_{\mbox{ij}}$  as the discretization error for the resulting column load, i.e.,

$$Q_{ij} = T_{ij} - \widehat{T}_{ij}$$
 (A10)

where T<sub>ij</sub> denotes the "actual" column load obtained using the complete influence surface, and T<sub>ij</sub> denotes the load computed by lumping all loads in ij<sup>th</sup> sector at the point of average influence for this particular sector i.e., using the average influence surface value for that sector. Then

$$Var Q_{ij} = E[N_{ij}] E[M_{ij}^{2}] Var [S_{ij}]$$
(A11)

where N<sub>i</sub> is a random variable denoting the number of loads and M<sub>i</sub> denotes the magnitude of these loads in the ij<sup>th</sup> sector. The variance of the total discretization error can then be found as follows (30):

$$\operatorname{Var} Q = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \operatorname{E}[N_{ij}] \operatorname{E}[M_{ij}^{2}] \operatorname{Var}[S_{ij}]$$
(A12)

To compare with Corotis' more approximate calculations, Var Q is computed for the case  $\mathrm{E[N_{11}]} = \mathrm{E[N_{13}]} = \mathrm{E[N_{31}]} = \mathrm{E[N_{33}]} = \mathrm{E[N_{22}]} = 1.05$ ,  $\mathrm{E[N_{12}]} = \mathrm{E[N_{21}]} = \mathrm{E[N_{23}]} = \mathrm{E[N_{23}]} = \mathrm{E[N_{23}]} = 0.95 = \mathrm{E[N_{2}]}$  for various values of p in a 9-sector model. These numerical results are plotted in Figure A3, in which the dashed line represents Corotis'approximation using a Taylor series expansion in obtaining Var  $[S_{11}]$  in Eq. (A12) (30), and the solid line represents calculations made by the author without the use of the Taylor series expansion. The results in Fig. A3 indicate that both approaches give essentially the same result.

In the study herein, it is assumed that the average number of items in the  $ij^{th}$  sector,  $E[N_{ij}]$ , is proportional to the area of that sector, i.e.,

$$E[N_{ij}] = a_{ij} \lambda \tag{A13}$$

and

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{M}_{i,j}^{2}] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{M}^{2}] \tag{A14}$$

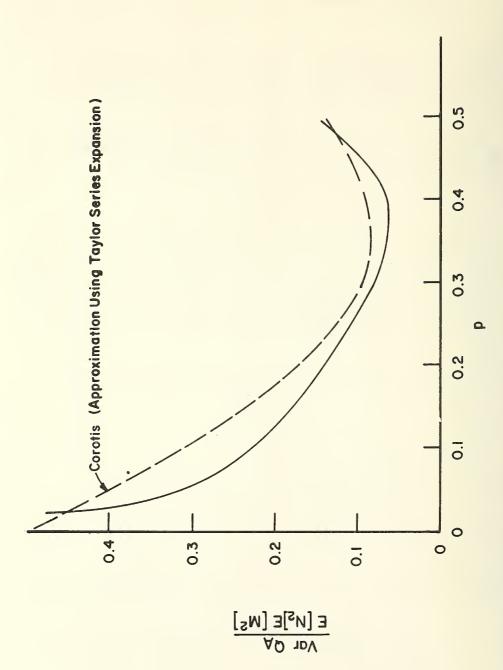
where  $\lambda$  is the average number of items in the room. Then,

$$Var Q = \lambda E[M^{2}] \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{m} a_{ij} Var[S_{ij}]$$
(A15)

or 
$$\sigma_{Q} = \sqrt{\text{Var } Q}$$
 (A16)

To compare this quantity in a non-dimensionalized form, the standard deviation of the discretization error is divided by the average column load, i.e.,

$$\frac{\sigma}{\frac{Q}{E[T]}} = \frac{1}{E[M]} \sqrt{\frac{E[M^2]}{\lambda}} \sqrt{\frac{\sum \sum a_{i,j} Var[S_{i,j}]}{\sum \sum a_{i,j} E[S_{i,j}]}}$$
(A17)



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This quantity gives an indication of the relative errors resulting from room discretization and was computed numerically for the case where the room coincides with the bay using E[M] = 245, E[M<sub>2</sub>] = 66,000 and  $\lambda$  = 9.05. These results are plotted in Figures A4 and A5 $^2$  for axial loads and bending moments in the column.

As expected, the results in Figs. A4 and A5 indicate that the probability density functions of the discretization errors may be represented qualitatively as shown in Figure A6. If a symetrical density function is assumed, the median (or 50 percentile) error coincides with the average error, which is zero for all three models (2-, 5-, and 9-sector). For a given probability level, say 0.9, the range of discretization error is the largest for the 5-sector model, and the smallest for the 9-sector model.

For illustrative purposes, assume a normal distribution for the discretization error  $\mathbf{Q}_a$ . Then, the probability that the discretization error will be between  $\mathbf{q}_{0.9}$  and  $\mathbf{q}_{0.9}$  is 0.9, i.e.,

$$P(Q_A \le q_{0.9}) = 0.9 = 2\Phi(\frac{q_{0.9}}{\sigma_{Q_A}}) - 1$$

where  $\Phi(.)$  denotes the standardized normal distribution. From a normal distribution table, we find that,

$$q_{0.9} = [\Phi^{-1} (0.95)] {}^{\sigma}Q_{A} = 1.65 {}^{\sigma}Q_{A}$$

Consider the case p= 0.25, and  $E[T_a] = 550^k$ .

From Figure A4,

for the 2-sector model:

$$^{\circ}Q_{A} = 0.38 \times 550^{k} = 209^{k}$$

$$^{q}$$
0.9= 1.65 x 209 $^{k}$  = 345 $^{k}$ 

for the 5-sector model:

$$^{\sigma}Q_{A} = 0.24 \times 550^{k} = 132^{k}$$

$$^{q}0.9 = 1.65 \times 132^{k} = 218^{k}$$

for the 9-sector model:

$$^{\circ}Q_{A} = 0.18 \times 550^{k} = 99^{k}$$

$$q_{0.9} = 1.65 \times 99^k = 163^k$$

Thus, on the average, 90% of the time the discretization error for the column axial load is within  $\pm 345^k$  using the 2-sector model, within  $\pm 218^k$  using the

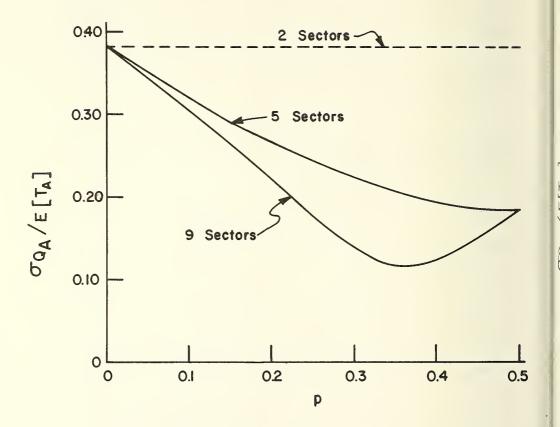


Fig. A3 - Standard Deviation of Discretization Error for Column Axial Load

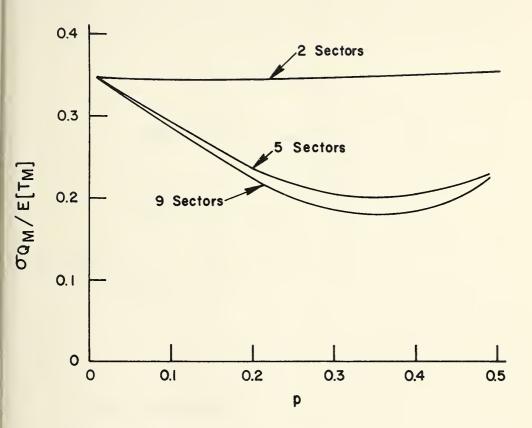
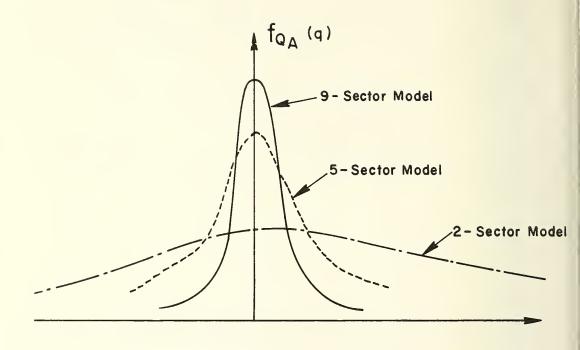


Fig. A4 - Standard Deviation of Discretization Error for Column Moment



Discretization Error, q

Fig. A5 - Probability Density Functions of Discretization Error

5-sector model, and within  $\pm$   $163^k$  using the 9-sector model for a column with an average axial load of  $550^k$  and a room equal in size to the structural bay.

In conclusion, this study of discretization error indicates that a 9-sector model if and when the location of the load is a significant factor in the design load analysis. However, numerical results indicate that even a 9-sector model leaves something to be desired in terms of possible descretization errors. Additional errors resulting from arbitrary influence surfaces and different probability distributions complicate the problem even further. Therefore, additional studies to resolve the question of the accuracy required in locating loads in a load survey are desirable.

#### Fire Loads

The integrity of building components exposed to a fully developed room fire is determined by the material thermal properties, and the intensity and duration of the fire involved. Fire behavior is dependent upon the amount and distribution of combustible materials, the degree of ventilation and the thermal characteristics of the bounding surfaces of the room. The purpose of this analysis is to explore some of the theoretical aspects of the effect of fire load location on fire severity, which may be represented by the heat transferred into the enclosing walls, floor and ceiling.

In conventional evaluations of fire loads, it is commonly assumed that combustibles are uniformly distributed and that the temperature is uniform throughout the room. In this analysis, the fire is considered in terms of its predominant thermal characteristics (radiation and convection) and appropriate thermal and geometrical factors. The fire load will be assumed (a) in the center of the room and (b) concentrated along one wall to provide a measure of severity for two widely different load locations.

In order to make the analysis mathematically feasible, the following simplifying assumptions were made:

- The rate of combustion is controlled by the ventilation of the enclosure with the burning rate proportional to the rate of air supply through the opening.
- The freely burning fire can be represented by an isothermal radiating parallelogram with an effective constant emittance.
- 3. The bounding enclosure walls may be considered as inert, graybody, semi-infinite slabs, and the heat transfer through these walls is one-dimensional and uniformly distributed.
- 4. Radiant transfer due to multiple reflections may be neglected and the emission of energy from a surface is diffuse.

The temperature history of hot gas within a fire compartment can be determined from an overall heat balance for the enclosed space. Assuming that heat supplied by inflowing air, heat losses by radiation through openings, and transient changes in the enthalpy of the gases within the enclosure can be neglected, the rate of heat release by combustion of materials in the compartment will equal the sum of the rates of all heat losses to the interior surfaces plus the heat carried by the outflowing gases. Accordingly, the heat balance equation for the enclosure can be expressed by

$$RQ = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} A_{i}K_{i} \left[ \frac{d\theta_{i}}{dx} \right]_{x=0} + \rho CG\theta_{g}$$
(A18)

where R is the rate of burning, Q is the effective calorific value of the combustible material,  $A_i$  is the area of the i-th interior surface,  $K_i$  is thermal conductivity of the i-th interior surface, n is total number of interior surfaces,  $\theta_i$  is the temperature rise relative to ambient of the i-th usrface,  $x^i$  is the perpendicular distance measured from the exposed wall surface in the direction away from the heat source,  $\rho$  is the density of hot gas leaving the enclosure, C is the specific heat of hot gas leaving the enclosure,  $\theta_i$  is the temperature rise above the ambient of the hot gas, and G is the volumetric flow rate of the outflowing hot gas.

For ventilation controlled fires, the average burning rate of wood fuel is determined by the air supply, and can be related to the size of the opening by the approximate relation [52, 53]

$$R = 5.5 A_{W} \sqrt{H_{W}}$$
 (A19)

where R is the rate of burning in kg/min,  $A_{\rm w}$  is the opening area, in m<sup>2</sup>, and H is the height of the opening, in m.

Consider a semi-infinite slab, the lateral surface of which is thermally insulated, having an initial temperature equal to the ambient temperature, subjected to external heating by forced convection from flowing hot gases, and direct radiation from the exposing fire and the other surrounding wall surfaces. The energy equation for the slab with constant thermal properties is given by

$$\frac{\partial \theta_{\mathbf{i}}}{\partial \mathbf{t}} = \alpha_{\mathbf{i}} \frac{\alpha^2 \theta_{\mathbf{i}}}{\partial \mathbf{x}^2} \tag{A20}$$

with the initial and boundary conditions

$$\theta_{i}(x,0) = 0$$

$$-K_{i} \frac{\partial \theta_{i}(0,t)}{\partial x} = h_{i}[\theta_{g}(t) - \theta_{i}(0,t)]$$

$$+\Sigma_{j=1}^{n} \varepsilon_{i} \varepsilon_{j} \sigma F_{ij} [\theta_{j}^{4}(0,t) - \theta_{i}^{4}(0,t)]$$
(A21)

and 
$$\theta_{i}(\infty, t) = 0$$

where t is the time variable,  $\alpha_i$  is thermal diffusivity of the i-th surface, h, is convection heat transfer coefficient,  $\epsilon_i$  and  $\epsilon_j$  are the total emissivity of the i-th and the j-th surfaces, respectively,  $F_{ij}$  is the configuration factor between the i-th surface and the j-th surface,  $\sigma$  is the Stefan-Boltzmann constant, and  $\theta_i$  is the temperature rise of the j-th surface.

The boundary condition which contains the absolute temperature raised to fourth power terms can be approximately rewritten as

$$-\frac{\partial \theta_{\mathbf{i}}(0,t)}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{h'_{i}}[\theta_{\mathbf{g}}(t) - \theta_{\mathbf{i}}(0,t)] = \sum_{\mathbf{j=1}}^{n} \mathbf{H_{ij}}[\theta_{\mathbf{j}}(0,t) - \theta_{\mathbf{i}}(0,t)]$$
(A22)

where

$$h'_{i} = \frac{h_{i}}{K_{i}}$$

$$H_{ij} = \frac{\varepsilon_{i}\varepsilon_{j} F_{ij}[\theta_{i}(0,t) = \theta_{j}(0,t)]^{3}}{2K_{i}}$$

The quantities of particular interest with respect to calculation of the rate of heat absorbed by the enclosure walls are the surface temperature and the absorbed heat flux at the surface of the slab.

The surface temperature of a semi-infinite slab at any time can be derived from solution of Eq. A20 at x=0 and expressed in the following form

$$\theta_{\mathbf{i}}(0,t) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{i}\mathbf{j}} \\ \mathbf{h'}_{\mathbf{i}} + \mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{i}\mathbf{j}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 - e^{\mathbf{B}^2} \cdot \operatorname{erfc}(\mathbf{B}) \end{bmatrix}$$
(A23)

and the heat flux absorbed at the surface of the slab is found to be

$$q_{i} = K_{i} \frac{d\theta_{i}(0,t)}{dx} = K_{i}I_{ij} e^{B^{2}} \cdot erfc(B)$$
(A24)

where

$$I_{ij} = h'_{i}\theta_{g}(t) + \sum_{j=1}^{n} H_{ij}\theta_{j}(0,t)$$

$$B = (h'_{i} + \sum_{j=1}^{n} H_{ij})\sqrt{\alpha_{i}t}$$

$$erfc(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{x}^{\infty} e^{-z^{2}} dz = complementary error function$$

 $\rho_{\mbox{\scriptsize i}}$  is the density of the i-th slab, and C  $_{\mbox{\scriptsize i}}$  is the specific heat of the i-th slab.

The arrangement of the bounding surface in the compartment and its location relative to the heat source (fire) and the other bounding surfaces are required for calculating the exchange of radiant energy between the enclosing walls, ceiling and floor, and the fire. These may be expressed in terms of configuration factors,  $\mathbf{F}_{ij}$ , and used in conjunction with Eqs. A23 and A24. The four types of arrangements considered are shown in Fig. A6 and include: opposed parallel rectangles with equal width and length, adjacent rectangles of equal width in perpendicular planes, similar rectangles of different lengths in opposed parallel planes, and perpendicular rectangles of different widths. The expressions for these configuration factors are presented below.

The configuration factor for identical, parallel, directly opposed rectangles  $A_1$  where  $A_2$ , as shown in Fig. A6a, in terms of the parameters, M and W, where M = b/c and W = a/c, is given by [54]

$$F_{12} = \frac{1}{MW} \left[ \ln \frac{(1+M^2)(1+W^2)}{(1+M^2+W^2)} - 2W \tan^{-1}W \right]$$

$$- 2M \tan^{-1}M + 2W/1 + M^2 \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{W}{\sqrt{1+M^2}} \right]$$

$$+ 2M/1 + W^2 \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{M}{\sqrt{1+W^2}} \right)$$

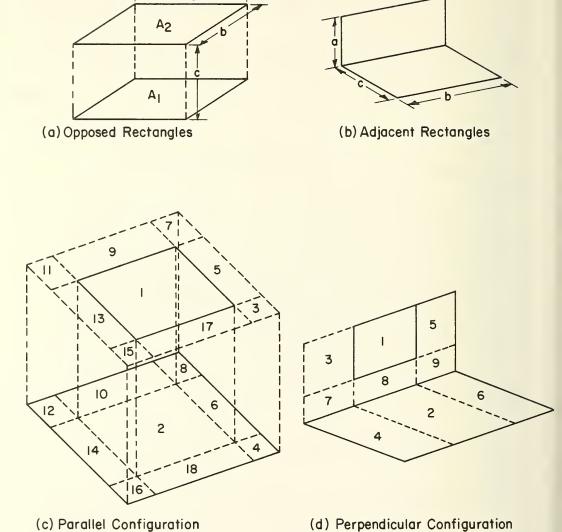


Fig. A6 - Arrangements Used for Determining Configuration Factors

The configuration factor for perpendicular rectangles having a common edge as shown in Fig. A6b is expressed in terms of the dimensionless ratios N=a/b and L=c/b as

$$F_{12} = \frac{1}{\pi L} \left\{ L \tan^{-1}(\frac{1}{L}) + N \tan^{-1}(\frac{1}{N}) - \sqrt{N^2 + L^2} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{N^2 + L^2}} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \ln \left[ \left( \frac{(1 + L^2)(1 + N^2)}{(1 + N^2 + L^2)} \right) \left( \frac{L^2(1 + L^2 + N^2)}{(1 + L^2)(L^2 + N^2)} \right)^{L^2} \right\}$$

$$\times \left( \frac{N^2(1 + L^2 + N^2)}{(1 + N^2)(L^2 + N^2)} \right)^{N^2} \right\}$$

The equation for the configuration factor for a parallelogram to a finite rectangle can be obtained through principles of configuration factor algebra [54], and synthesized from the parallel and perpendicular rectangles discussed previously.

For the parallel configuration shown in Fig. A6c, the configuration factor between surface 1 and total lower surface is given by

For the perpendicular configuration depicted in Fig. A6d the configuration factor for the radiant interchange between surface 1 and the bottom plane is

$$A_{1}^{F}(1,4+2+6) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ A_{(2+6)}^{F}(2+6,1+8+9+5) + A_{(4+2)}^{F}(4+2,1+3+7+8) - A_{(2+6)}^{F}(2+6,8+9) - A_{(4+2)}^{F}(4+2,7+8) + A_{4}^{F}(4,7) + A_{6}^{F}(6,9) - A_{4}^{F}(4,3+7) - A_{6}^{F}(6,5+9) \right\}$$

Calculation of the heat flux absorbed by the walls and ceiling of a fire compartment, i.e., a measure of fire severity, can be carried out from Eq. A18 along with Eqs. A23 and A24, and the expressions for configuration factors. Two cases are considered and compared (a) the fire load is distributed in the center of the compartment away from the walls and (b) the fire load is concentrated along [within 0.6 m (2 feet) of] one wall, in a  $3.7 \times 3.7 \times 2.4 \text{ m}$  ( $12 \times 12 \times 8 \text{ ft.}$ ) high room with a doorway measuring 0.9 m (35 inch) wide by 2 m (80 inch) high (see Fig. A7). The fire load density in the form of wood cribs is taken to be 49 Kg per square m (10 lbs.) per square ft.) of floor area, i.e., 655 Kg (1440 lb.)

Information required for evaluation of the fire severity included thermal properties of the interior lining material (gypsum board), the effective calorific value of the fire load, the flow rate and thermal properties of combustion gases leaving the fire room, and total emisivity of the exposing flames. The values used in the calculations were:  $\rho_i = 0.96 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ,  $K_i = 2.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ W/cm}^{\circ}$ C,  $C_i = 1.1 \text{ J/g}^{\circ}$ K and  $\varepsilon_i = 0.9$ for the gypsum board lining material,  $Q = 1.0 \times 10^4 \text{ KJ/Kg}$ , G = 4.86R $m^3/min$ . [55],  $\rho_r = 1.65 \text{ Kg/m}^3$  and  $C = 1.0 \text{ J/g}^{-0}\text{K}$  for the combustion products, and  $\varepsilon_f$  = 0.6 for the flames. Two values of the heat transfer coefficient, h, used to compute the convective component were assumed to be  $2.3 \times 10^{-3}$  W/cm<sup>2</sup>-°C for predominantly forced convection and 9.3  $\times$  10<sup>-4</sup> W/cm<sup>2</sup>- $^{\circ}$ C for natural convection. The size of the fire was assumed to consist of a vertical section covering the entire room height and a horizontal portion along the ceiling. The flame length was estimated on the basis of flame height correlations for two-dimensional and axisymmetric buoyant diffusion flames resulting from burning cribs of wood in an unconfined atmosphere [56]. A constant flame temperature of 1000 oK was assumed for the early stages of the fire, followed by a varying temperature equal to the average gas temperature when the latter increased beyond 1000 °K. Based on the total fire load and the rate of burning, the duration of the room fire required to consume the entire fire load was calculated to be approximately 45 minutes.

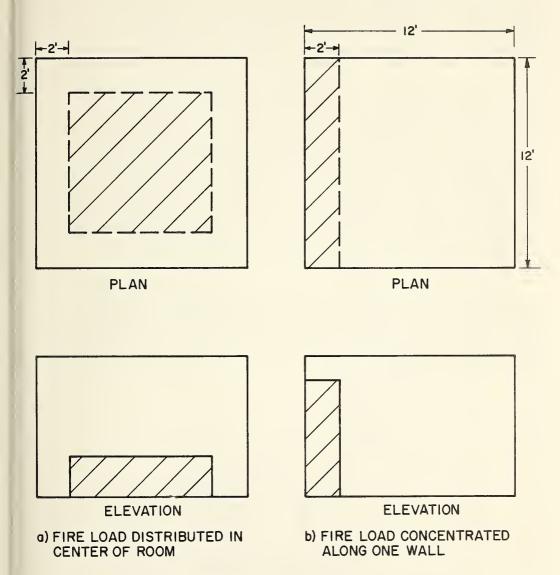


Fig. A7 - Assumed Distributions of Fire Load

Table Al summarizes the results of the calculations including the time history for heat absorbed by the wall and the ceiling, the total heat absorbed by all the bounding surfaces, and the average temperature of hot gas within the fire room. The rate of heat absorbed by a boundary element is the parameter selected for characterizing the severity of a room fire as it closely relates to the potential of structural fire damage. As shown in the table and Fig. A8, this heat absorption rate gradually decreases with time due to a continuous rise in the surface temperatures of the boundary elements. Also, it may be noted that this decrease is accompanied by an increase in the average room gas temperature.

The heat absorbed by the wall and by the ceiling averaged over the first 6 minutes were found to be 2.9 and 2.0 W/cm² respectively for the fire load concentrated along one wall, and 1.8 and 2.2 W/cm² for the fire load distributed near the center of the room. The room fire due to the concentrated fire load in the former case will have its greatest effect at early times because of the higher incident heat flux, which may cause ignition of combustible walls and ceiling if present, and duration of the fire, the wall surface was exposed to a 6% higher level of heat flux while the ceiling was subjected to a 4% lower flux for the case of the fire load concentrated along one wall. Also, the area under the average gas temperature versus time curve for the load concentrated along one wall was approximately 2% greater than that for the combustibles distributed in the center of the compartment. Consequently, it appears that the former represents a slightly higher potential for structural fire damage than the latter.

Further study is desirable to provide information on the influence of the types and locations of enclosure walls on the rate of burning and the severity of compartment fires. Since the calculations presented herein are based on burning of wood cribs, the burning rates and effective calorific values of combustibles other than wood may affect these results and additional information is required to assess their destructive potential in the event of fire.

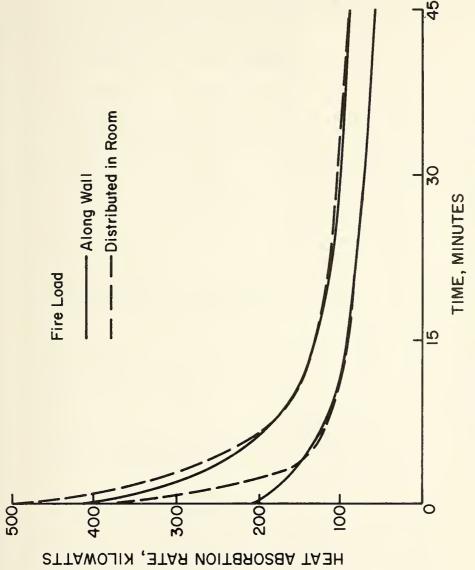


Fig. A8 - Heat Absorbed by Wall and Ceiling Surfaces

Table Al. Effect of Fire Load Location on Rates of Heat Absorbed by Wall and Ceiling, Total Heat Loss Due to Boundary Surfaces, and Average Room Gas Temperature

	Along One Wall	Room	temperature (°C)	200	731	795	844	881	006	930	943	926	696	981	166	866	1004	1011	1017
		rbed	Total	1395	1005	836	736	899	611	576	541	513	490	470	453	435	422	407	397
p:	Along	of Heat Absorbed (kw)	Ceiling	405	229	183	160	144	132	124	116	110	105	101	97	93	91	87	85
)istribute		Rate	Wall	349	165	128	110	66	0.5	84	79	7.5	71	68	99	63	19	59	58
Fire Load Distributed	шо	Room Gas	lemperature (°C)	607	668	778	832	872	903	918	935	951	965	977	808	995	1001	1007	1012
	Near Center of the Room	rbed	Total	1588	1104	865	753	681	628	582	547	519	965	476	458	439	426	414	401
	Near Cente	of Keat Absorbed (kw)	Ceiling	767	244	188	163	147	135	125	118	112	107	102	98	76	92	89	86
		Rate	Wall	202	156	123	107	97	06	83	78	74	7.1	68	65	63	19	59	57
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#### APPENDIX B

#### DATA COLLECTION FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

The survey procedure involving collection of data on the building characteristics, the building occupancy and the fire and live loads in the rooms consisted of the following:

- 1. Completion of Building Characteristic Form
- 2. Completion of Occupancy Data Form
- 3. Annotation of Building Floor Plans
- 4. Completion of Room Survey Form

The survey forms and instructions are presented in this section.

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING BUILDING CHARACTERISTICS DATA COLLECTION FORM

The purpose of this form is to record information about general building characteristics such as height, age, occupancy type (page 1) as well as information about the firms occupying the building (subsequent pages of the form).

## Questions 1 through 7

The building number, building name, building address and age of the building to be surveyed have been entered on the first page of the form. Instructions for completing the remainder of the form are provided below.

## Filling out the Data Collection Form

The surveyor's name, date of the survey and a record of the page number are to be recorded in the upper right corner of the first page. The remaining entries are to be completed as follows:

Question 8 - Count and record the number of all floors in the building including mezzanines and mechanical equipment floors above the ground level (include the ground floor). For buildings on sloping terrain with two or more entrances at differing ground levels use the lowest level entrance in determining the number of floors. Floors completely below grade are considered basements and are not to be counted.

Question 9 - Circle the appropriate digit describing the type of vertical load resisting system (9a) and the material used for this system (9b).

Question 10 - Circle the appropriate digit which describes the type of occupancy for the building.

After completing the above, information about the firms occupying the building is to be recorded on the "Occupancy Data" form. Use as many forms as necessary to record the data for all the firms in the building. For government buildings, each agency in the building is to be considered as a different firm. If only one agency occupies the building, the firm type recorded for each room will be the same.

The building number from page one should be recorded in the upper right-hand corner of the "Occupancy Data" form. Each occupancy data sheet for the building should be numbered sequentially starting with number 2.

Each firm in the building should be assigned a number. This number, the firm name and firm type and the age of the firm must be recorded on the form. Names of the firms may be obtained from the building directory in the lobby or by walking through the building. The firms should preferably be listed in alphabetical order and numbered sequentially if a directory is suitable. If a building directory is not available, they may be numbered in any convenient fashion, e.g., in the order encountered in walking through the building.

The type of firm is to be selected from the list of firm types provided. In making this selection, the two digit category which best describes the type of activity conducted by the firm should be used.

The firm age refers to the number of years the firm has occupied the rooms in the building which is being surveyed.

## BUILDING CHARACTERISTICS

## DATA COLLECTION FORM

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## BUILDING CHARACTERISTICS DATA COLLECTION FORM (Occupancy Data)

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#### LIST OF FIRM TYPES TO CHOOSE FROM:

The firm type is to be determined by the product or group of products produced or handled, or services rendered.

Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries

Type 01. Agricultural production--crops

Type 02. Agricultural production--livestock

Type 07. Agricultural services
Type 08. Forestry

Type 09. Fishing, hunting, and trapping

#### Minina

Type 10. Metal Mining

Type 11. Anthracite mining

Type 12. Bituninous coal and lignite mining

Type 13. Oil and gas extraction

Type 14. Mining and quarrying of nonmetallic minerals, except fuels

#### Contract Construction

Type 15. Building construction--general contractors and operators

Type 16. Construction other than building construction--

general contractors

Type 17. Construction--special trade contractors

#### Manufacturing

Type 20. Food and kindred products

Type 21. Tobacco manufactures

Type 22. Textile mill products

Apparel and other finished products made from Type 23. fabrics and similar materials

Type 24. Lumber and wood products, except furniture

Type 25. Furniture and fixtures

Type 26. Paper and allied products Printing, publishing, and allied industries Type 27.

Type 28. Chemicals and allied products

Type 29. Petroleum refining and related industries

Type 30. Rubber and miscellaneous plastics products

Type 31. Leather and leather products

Type 32. Stone, clay, glass, and concrete products

Type 33. Primary metal industries

Type 34. Fabricated metal products, except machinery and transportation equipment

Type 35. Machinery, except electrical

Type 36. Electrical and electronic machinery, equipment and supplies

Type 37. Transportation equipment

Measuring, analyzing, and controlling instruments; Type 38. photographic, medical and optical goods; watches and clocks

Type 39. Miscellaneous manufacturing industries

#### LIST OF FIRM TYPES TO CHOOSE FROM:

Transportation, Communication, Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services

Type 40. Railroad transportation

Type 41. Local and suburban transit and interurban highway passenger transportation

Type 42. Motor freight transportation and warehousing Type 43. U.S. Postal Service

Type 44. Water transportation Type 45. Transportation by air

Type 46. Pipe lines, except natural gas Type 47. Transportation services Type 48. Communication

Type 49. Electric, gas and sanitary services

#### Wholesale and Retail Trade

Type 50. Wholesale trade--durable goods Type 51. Wholesale trade--nondurable goods

Type 52. Building materials, hardware, garden supply, and mobile home dealers

Type 53. General merchandise stores

Type 54. Food stores

Type 55. Automotive dealers and gasoline service stations Type 56. Apparel and accessory stores

Type 57. Furniture, home furnishings, and equipment stores Type 58. Eating and drinking places

Type 59. Miscellaneous retail

## Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate

Type 60. Banking

Type 61. Credit agencies other than banks

Type 62. Security and commodity brokers, dealers, exchanges, and services

Type 63. Insurance

Type 64. Insurance agents, brokers, and service

Type 65. Real estate

Type 66. Combinations of real estate, insurance, loans, law offices

Type 67. Holding and other investment officers

## Service (s)

Type 70. Hotels, rooming houses, camps, and other lodging places

Type 72. Personal services

Type 73. Business services Type 75. Automotive repair, services, and garages

Type 76. Miscellaneous repair services

Type 78. Motion pictures

Type 79. Amusement and recreation services, except motion pictures.

Type 80. Health services Type 81. Legal services

#### LIST OF FIRM TYPES TO CHOOSE FROM:

- Type 82. Educational services
- Type 83. Social services
- Type 84. Museums, art galleries, botanical and zoological gardens
- Type 86. Membership organizations
- Type 88. Private households
- Type 89. Miscellaneous services

## Public Administration

- Type 91. Executive, legislative, and general government, except finance
- Type 92. Justice, public order, and safety
- Type 93. Public Finance, taxation, and monetary policy
- Type 94. Administration of human resources programs
- Type 95. Administration of environmental quality and housing programs
- Type 96. Administration of economic programs
- Type 97. National security and international affairs

### Nonclassifiable establishments

Type 99. Nonclassifiable establishments

## EXAMPLE

Ajax Hardware - Central office for hardware store chain in present offices for 28 years.

J. H. Brown,
Attorney Law Firm in present offices for 3 years.

Etc. . .

 FIRM NO.
 FIRM NAME
 FIRM TYPE
 FIRM AGE

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 Ajax Hardware
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 0 0 2
 J. H. Brown
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etc. . .

Information related to the location of each firm within the building and the use of the various rooms will be utilized in connection with this survey. This information will be collected using the building floor plans.

Copies of the floor plan layout for the building to be surveyed will be provided by NBS. The first step involved in this portion of the survey will be to walk through the building with the floor plans and ascertain their correctness through visual observation. The purpose of this inspection is to verify that the floor plans correctly depict the locations of all rooms, corridors, stairways and elevator shafts. Any necessary corrections to the floor plans indicating new wall locations or removal of original walls etc., are to be made on the floor plans during this walk through.

In addition, for each area in the building the following information is to be recorded directly on the floor plans:

- a. Firm number occupying area, if applicable, and
- b. Type of enclosure, if applicable.
- c. Area use.

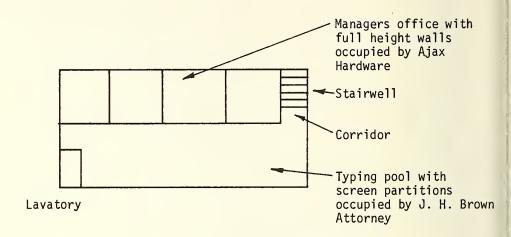
This data will be written in each area in the above order followed by slashes between each code using the following coding system:

- A. Firm number The firm number (the three digit number assigned to the firm on the Building Characteristic Data Collection Form) for the firm occupying the area shall be recorded except for exempt areas.
  - B. Type of Enclosure For all areas except exempt areas select
    - Fully enclosed individual rooms with all walls extending the full distance from floor to ceiling.

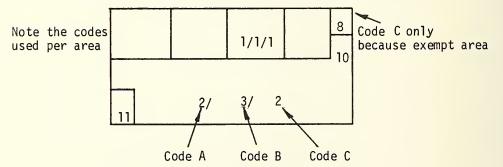
- Open area with partial height partitions - large open areas usually with several occupants with partial height partitions subdividing the area into individual work stations.
- Open area without partial height partitions - large open area without any internal partitions subdividing the area.
- C. Area use select one of the following classifications which best describes the use of the particular area
  - General Office used primarily for administrative functions as opposed to clerical function (e.g., professional office, executive or managerial office, etc.).
  - Clerical Office used primarily by clerical staff (e.g., secretarial areas, bookkeeping, typing pool, key punch room).
  - Lobby used primarily as an entrance area or reception area
  - 4. Conference used primarily for group meetings.
  - File Room used primarily for the storage and maintenance of files.
  - Storage Room used for the storage of office materials other than files or books.
  - 7. Library used primarily for the storage of books.
  - 8. Stairway
  - 9. Elevator
  - 10. Corridor
  - 11. All other areas lavatories, mechanical equipment room janitors closet, etc.
  - 12. Vacant room

The numbers described for the area use, type of enclosure and firm number shall be written on the plans in sequential order for each area (Code A/Code B/Code C).

Example of Possible Floor Plan



Example of Floor Plan After Surveyors Annotations



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#### General

These instructions cover the collection and recording of data in the designated rooms. In surveying a room all data will be recorded on the room data collection forms.

There are four types of room data collection forms;

- The first type of form (Form #1 "Bounding Surfaces") involves information to be recorded for the ceiling, floors, walls, internal partitions, and trim of the room.
- 2. The second type of form (Form #2 through 6) involves information to be collected on furniture items and their associated contents. These forms are:
  - a. Form #2 "Desks"
  - b. Form #3 "Tables"
  - c. Form #4 "Cabinets"
  - d. Form #5 "Shelving"
  - e. Form #6 "Seating"
- The third type of form (Form #7 "Miscellaneous") deals with items that may not have been previously accounted for on Forms #1 through 6.
- 4. The fourth type of Form (Form A, B, & C) are extra unnumbered forms for use as continuation sheets for recording information on Forms #2 through 7. These forms are:

Form A - free and enclosed contents (paper & books)

Form B - equipment

Form C - free & enclosed contents other than paper & books

The data collected will be used to obtain information about the weight of the items in the room and their fire characteristics. In this regard, the information of primary interest for each item in the room consists of:

- 1. Type of material wood, metal, etc.
- 2. Dimensions
- 3. Estimated weight where required

Instructions have been prepared indicating the procedures to follow in completing the forms. The descriptions in these instructions for the items in the various categories such as desks, tables, etc. are based on characteristics used to establish equations for converting the information on the data collection form to the weight of the item. Note that in some cases, the descriptions do not include items which one would normally consider to be part of the category.

Built-in items such as book cases, etc. should be considered as miscellaneous items and it will be necessary to estimate the weight for such items.

Undoubtedly, items will be encountered which do not exactly fit the descriptions provided in the instructions and judgement will be required. For these cases, the information of primary interest in the survey should be considered in arriving at a decision. If, for example, the material type for an item does not exactly correspond to the multiple choices provided on the form, the material type which most closely approximates the combustibility and weight should be selected. Similarly, if it is not clear whether an item of furniture fits the description provided for Forms 2 through 6, it should be regarded as a miscellaneous item using Form 7.

The type of material is to be recorded for each item. In selecting the material type for furniture items, laminated coverings should be neglected. For example, most desk tops have a plastic or vinyl covering. This should not be recorded but rather the material used to construct the desk (wood, metal, or plastic). Where items are composed of two materials, the material comprising the largest portion of the item should be recorded. In some cases, e.g., chairs, space has been provided for recording the different material types for the various component parts of the item.

If the dimensions of an item are greater than the values provided for on the data sheet, record the largest value possible.

The entries to be made on each data collection form must be chosen from the multiple choices provided. If the choice is, for instance, between "wood" and "metal", one should fill in the circle following either wood or metal, whichever is appropriate as shown below:

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In the case where dimensions are required, the circle below the appropriate number for each of the digits should be filled in in order. For example, if the entry is a dimension, such as 7 ft.-2 in., the sheet should be marked as follows:

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It is important to note that when numbers are recorded, values must be shown for all the quantities on the data sheet. If for example, a dimension is 9" and the dimensions shown in the space on the form are as follows:

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Similarly if the dimension is an even number of feet, the zero should be marked for the inch dimension. Thus wherever numbers are provided for the item which has been recorded on the form and the value is zero for the quanitity associated with that item, the zero must be marked. Dimensions less than 1" are to be rounded off to the nearest inch. Values less than 1/2" should be neglected. Values between 1/2" and 1" should be rounded off to 1".

## Room Survey Procedure

A standard number of forms has been provided in the following order:

- 1. Form #1 Bounding Surfaces
- Form #2 Desks 2.
- 3. Form #3 Tables
- Form #4 Cabinets 4.
- 5. Form #5 Shelving
- 6.
- Form #6 Seating Form #7 Miscellaneous 7.

Extra Forms A, B, & C

The floor number and room number of the room to be surveyed have been indicated at the upper right hand corner of the first sheet. This floor number and room number are in accordance with the numbering system posted in the building.

After entering a room the surveyor should record the information on Form #1 on the ceiling, floor, trim, and walls first. Then record information on all desks (Form #2) next, one desk per form. All information associated with the desk should be recorded on the desk form, including enclosed and free contents. Next all information on the tables in the room should be recorded. All information on cabinets, shelving, and seating should be recorded in order. The last form, Form #7, should then be filled out to account for all room contents not previously recorded. To expedite the survey operation, small miscellaneous items encountered on top of furniture items may be aggregated and also recorded using Form #7. An alternate procedure, for example, is to proceed around the room surveying the items as encountered. This will facilitate keeping track of what items have been surveyed and insure that items are not skipped. It is important that the surveyor follow a systematic procedure to insure that all items in the room are recorded, the survey of the room completed expeditiously and creates a minimum disruption of the office activities. It may be necessary to adjust the above suggested procedure based on the situation encountered in the room.

For large open areas such as secretarial pools, etc. sometimes referred to as office landscaping, see the Special Items (JIC) section of the special instructions for Form #1.

For each form, the individual sheets should be numbered in the upper right hand corner (e.g., 1 of 2, 2 of 2, etc.). When there is not sufficient space on a particular form to record all the information for that item (e.g. if the free contents on top of one desk cannot be recorded on a single desk form), the appropriate extra form, (Form A, B, or C) should be used. In this case, the extra form should be inserted immediately following the form for the item for which it was used and the heading at the top of the sheet should be marked indicating it is an "extra form."

## Marking Instructions

The information recorded by you on these forms will be processed on an electronic reading machine called FOSDIC. (The letters stand for Film Optical Sensing Device for Input to Computers.) These forms are microfilmed and the negative film is fed through the FOSDIC. The resulting electronic impulses are recorded on magnetic tape which is then used to feed the computers.

By using negative microfilm, the marks you make on these forms will show as clear spots on the negative microfilm. An "electric eye" will shine through the spot and create an impulse on magnetic tape. Accordingly, it is imperative that you make complete, black marks. Two types of marking guides are provided-circles and perforated numbers. Where circles are provided, the entire circle should be filled. Where perforated numbers are provided, the mark should be a spot at least as large and complete as in the circle and in the center of the number itself. If possible, when marking perforated numbers, a circle is preferred. A circular motion is recommended.

Shown below are examples of acceptable and unacceptable marks for each type of marking guide.

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One final word of caution: These forms should <u>not</u> be filled out with ink, neither ball-point pens or fountain pens. Only black pencils can be used. Further, wherever possible, a good No. 2 or No. 2-1/2 lead pencil should be used. This is important because anything softer than No. 2 deposits too much graphite and smears, while anything harder than No. 2-1/2 makes too gray a mark.

A space is provided on the first sheet for the room for the surveyor to write in any significant notes. Comments on such things as:

- 1. The type of plastic if know (for furniture, equipment, etc.),
- The estimated weight and volume of free combustibles (e.g., cardboard cartons, trash containers, etc.) in the corridor adjacent to the room surveyed (when observed),
- 3. The existance of flammable Figuids (solvents, oils, inks, glues, etc.),
- 4. The percentage of windows which can be opened,

should be included if appropriate.

Specific instructions for filling out each of the individual data collection forms are given in the following.

This is the first sheet to be completed in surveying a room. Note that the surveyors name and date of the survey are to be filled in at the upper right hand corner. The building name and the floor number and room number using the numbering system posted in the building have already been marked to identify the room to be surveyed.

This form contains information on the room use; the number of occupants; the type of walls; the type of ceiling, floor and trim; and the wall material. The procedure for filling out the form is indicated below.

## 1. Room Use

Select the <u>one</u> most appropriate category which describes the type of activity conducted in the room in accordance with the following:

- a. General used primarily for administrative functions as opposed to clerical function (e.g., professional office, executive or managerial office, etc.).
- b. Clerical used primarily by clerical staff (e.g., secretarial areas, bookeeping, typing pool, key punch room.
- c. Lobby used primarily as an entrance area or reception area.
- d. Conference used primarily for group meetings
- e. File used primarily for the storage and main tenance of files
- f. Storage used for the storage of materials other than files or books
- g. Library used primarily for the storage of books.

# 2. Normal Number of Occupants

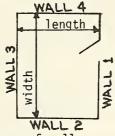
The number of people who normally use the room should be recorded. This can be determined by:

- a. asking someone in the room
- b. by assuming one person sits at each desk if an occupant of the room is not available
- c. for a conference room, library or lobby assume one person uses each available chair

### 3. Wall Types

The four vertical boundaries of the room (either walls, partial height partitions or open imaginary boundary) should be numbered and the type of wall indicated for each in accordance with the following:

a. Designation of wall number - for reference purposes the wall containing the door used to enter the room shall be designated as wall 1. Proceeding in a clockwise direction from wall 1, the remaining walls will be numbered 2, 3, & 4 accordingly. Note: partial height partitions located within the boundaries of the room should not be considered in selecting the four walls.



WALL 2
WALL 4

- b. type of wall
  - full height wall which completely extends from the floor to the ceiling.
  - partial height wall which does not extend the full distance from floor to ceiling. (e.g., screen partitions, area dividers, etc.).
  - open imaginary boundary surface for the room, i.e., no full height walls or screen partitions.

If a room is encountered with more than four walls, it will be necessary to combine walls in an approximate fashion and consider the room to have only four walls.

## 4. Ceilings, floors, and trim

- A. Ceiling select the one most appropriate material type.
  - wood wood based material (e.g., masonite, hardboard, plywood) wood paneling, strips, etc.

- 2. metal steel, aluminum, metal tiles, etc.
- plastic fiberglass panels, vinyl sheeting, etc.
- 4. acoustical tile precut panels or sheets with a porous or irregular surface texture
- non-combustible material not included above which would <u>not</u> be expected to burn (e.g.,gypsum board, plaster, masonry, etc.).
- B. Floor select the <u>one</u> most appropriate material type which characterizes the top surface of the floor.
  - 1. wood wood based material, (e.g., oak flooring, hardboard, plywood, etc.).
  - non-combustible material which would not be expected to burn, concrete, brick, stone, metal, etc.
  - resilient flooring vinyl, vinyl coated sheet, vinyl coated tile, cork, rubber, tiles, linoleum, asphalt tile, etc.
  - 4. carpet if there is carpeting over 50% or more of the total floor area, select carpeting. If carpeting covers less than 50% of the total floor area select another material type disregarding the carpeting.
- C. Trim trim refers to the baseboard molding, molding located where the wall and ceiling join, molding around windows and doors or doorways. Each of these locations will be handled separately on the data collection form. For the case in which there is no trim or the trim covers less than 50% of the perimeter in one or more of the above locations leave that section blank and do not indicate the type of trim. Where the trim exceeds 50% or more of the perimeter in a location indicate the type of trim material. The trim around each window in the room should be combined and considered as a single total linear footage for that room. This also applies to doors. If more than one type of trim is used in any one location (ceiling, floor, doors, windows), choose the type of material which is characteristic of 50% or more of the total linear footage for that location.

#### 5. Walls

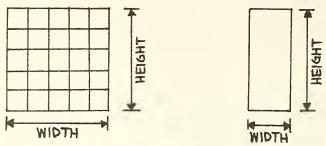
Complete this section, for each full height wall indicated in Section 3 of this form. For each partial height wall indicated in Section 3 complete the portion of Section 7 dealing with walls 1 to 4.

Both the wall material and wall covering are to be recorded. The wall material refers to the material comprising the exterior surface of the wall (gypsum wall board, paneling, etc.). Covering refers to the finish applied to the wall material. In the case where an entire wall is composed of windows, the section for material and covering for that wall should not be checked.

- A. Material select the most appropriate material type which comprises more than 50% of the wall.
  - 1. wood paneling, hardboard, etc.
  - 2. metal steel, aluminum, etc.
  - plastic translucent plastic sheeting plastic coated paneling, etc.
  - non combustible masonry, concrete, glass block, etc.
  - 5. plaster
  - 6. gypsum board
- B. Covering select the most appropriate wall covering. Note for certain types of wall material there may be no covering present and this section should be left blank e.g., wood paneling, would normally not be painted or papered.
  - 1. paint if 50% or more of the wall is covered with paint, lacquer, varnish, etc.
  - 2. paper if 50% or more of the wall is covered with wallpaper, bulletin boards, posters, etc.
  - vinyl
  - 4. drapes if 50% or more of the wall is covered with textile material or draperies. If drapes cover 50% or more of a painted or papered wall record only drapes.

#### 6. Wall Openings

Doors and windows should be recorded for each wall separately. The height and width dimensions are for the opening and do not include the trim or casement. For windows the height above the floor refers to the distance between the bottom of the window and the floor.



For the case of more than one door or window in a wall, it is only necessary to record the dimensions for one of each and indicate the total number of doors and windows in the wall. If there are several doors and/or windows in a given wall and they vary in size, the length and width dimensions recorded for that wall should be average values.

### 7. Partial Height Partitions

For each partial height wall indicated in Section 3 of the form as well as for any partial height partitions which may be within the room, complete this section.

The partial height wall data should be recorded in accordance with the wall numbering system established in Section 3. The material type (wood, metal, plastic, fabric) for the partition refers to the material comprising the exterior surface of the partition. Note, some internal partitions consist of a frame of one material and a panel of another material, e.g., a fabric panel with a metal frame. For such cases the panel material should be recorded. Partitions are also made with different panel materials on the two sides e.g., one side metal, one side fabric. For such cases the heavier material should be recorded. The length and height should also be recorded. For curved partitions the arc length measured along the curved surface should be used for length.

For internal partitions record the same information as noted above. In addition, the proximity of the partition to the boundary walls should be recorded.

#### 8. Room Dimensions

The height, length and width of the room are to be recorded to the nearest inch. The height should be measured from the floor to the upper most part of the visible portion of the ceiling. Where suspended or false ceilings are present measure only to the suspended ceiling. Where equipment ducts are present and suspended from the ceiling disregard and measure to the ceiling.

The length and width of the room are to be measured between the wall surfaces i.e. approximation to account for wall thickness should not be made. The length is the dimension parallel to walls 2 and 4 and the width the dimension parallel to walls 1 and 3 as shown in the sketch in section 3 -- wall types. For non-rectangular rooms or rooms with wall offsets resulting from closets, etc. the length and width should be measured taking these into account in an appropriate manner such that the two dimensions recorded represent the exposed floor area visible to an observer, i.e., neglect closets.

### Sepcial Items (JIC)

If the room surveyed was included on the original list of rooms to be surveyed, do not mark the first section of this portion of the form. If the room was not included on the original list of rooms to be surveyed but was an adjacent room selected by the surveyor, mark the circle under the number on the multiple choice.

For large open areas such as secretarial pools, etc. sometimes referred to as office landscaping, the following procedure is to be followed:

- Complete Form #1 for the entire area i.e., record the data for the four bounding surfaces, the number of doors and windows and the length, width and height of the area. Do not complete the section dealing with internal partitions.
- Select one or more small segments of the room which are "representative" of the entire room with respect to the amount and type of furniture, equipment, etc.
- Treat each representative segment as a room and complete all the necessary survey forms required for that segment.
- 4. Form #1 for each of these representative segments should only contain the building, floor and room number (use the same as recorded in step 1), the dimensions of the segment and data on internal partitions if they are present. Use the estimated weight portion in the second section of the Special Items (JIC) space to record the total number of sections in the room (including the one surveyed) which are the same as the representative segment surveyed.

#### SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM #2 DESKS

For each desk in the room a separate data form will be completed. Prior to recording data, count the number of desks in the room and check to ascertain that the proper number of forms is available.

The data to be recorded for desks includes the type of desk, its proximity to the wall, the type of desk material, the type and number of drawers, the dimensions of the top surface of the desk, information on the contents of the drawers (enclosed contents) and the material on the top of the desk (free contents).

#### DESK TYPE

Select either double pedestal, single pedestal, or "with legs". A double pedestal desk as seen on the illustrations has drawers on both the right and left sides of the desk. A single pedestal desk has drawers on only one side. Select "with legs" if all four legs of the desk are greater than 12 inches in height.

#### 2. PROXIMITY TO WALL

If any part of the desk is within 2 feet of a wall select 2 feet or less. Otherwise select more than 2 feet. Direct measurement to determine this information is only necessary where the choice is not obvious.

#### 3. DESK MATERIAL TYPE

Select the material type that best characterizes the desk. In making this selection, <u>disregard the thin plastic or formica laminate</u> used on the top surface and possibly on the sides and drawer fronts. Where more than two materials are used select the most predominant which is estimated to comprise 50% or more of the weight of the desk. For example, if the desk legs are metal, and the rest of the desk is wood, wood should be chosen as the material type. If there is a question as to whether the desk material is wood or plastic simulated—wood, sometimes the best indicator of material type would be to look at the narrow edges of the desk drawers, where the desk material may be exposed to observation.

### 4. NUMBER OF DRAWERS

The number of each of the three types of drawers in the desk should be recorded. The three types of drawers are:

- a. box drawer standard drawer measuring approximately 6" high
- b. file drawer larger size drawer approximately 12" high for filing papers and folders.

c. personal drawer - smaller size drawer that tends to be no greater than 3" high, the center drawer, if present, should be counted as a personal drawer.

### 5. DESK TOP DIMENSIONS

The length and width of the top surface of the desk including any overhang should be measured to the nearest inch and recorded on the data sheet. Where a desk top may have a shape other than rectangular, record the curved lengths or widths as if it were a rectangular desk.

### 6. FREE CONTENTS

Free contents include items on top of the desk such as paper, books, equipment, etc. This section should be used to record data on paper or books. Form A should be used if enough space is not available on the form for recording data on all the paper and books. Section 7 of this form should be used to record data on typewriters calculators and telephones. Any other items should be aggregated with items on other furniture and recorded using Form #7 Miscellaneous (see instructions for Form #7).

In dealing with paper and books, data will be recorded in terms of "piles". For each "pile" the following information will be recorded: 1. Dimensions of pile, 2. percent compaction

a. For each pile of paper and books the length width and height of the pile should be recorded. The length and width are to be selected from the choices given. The height of the pile is to be estimated to the nearest inch. Piles less than 1" in height should be combined with the height of other piles in recording the data. Where papers are not arranged neatly in piles on the desk, it will be necessary to estimate pile height by assumming the papers were stacked neatly into discrete piles.

For papers or books with length and width dimensions different from the multiple choice values listed on the sheet, the closest dimensions should be selected and height of the pile estimated accordingly to compensate for this difference.

In an unusual case where the height of a pile may exceed the maximum value of 119" on the data sheet, simply record the data in terms of smaller piles.

Estimate a % compaction of the pile to the nearest 10%. Compaction is defined as the ratio of the actual volume of the pile to the volume of the smallest rectangular box into which the pile could be placed. For example, piles of paper or books resting horizontally on the desk top under the effect of gravity are fully compacted (100%) where items such as books or paper are filed vertically as in a vertical letter tray the % compaction would simply be the ratio of the height of the pile if the material were removed from the tray and stacked on the desk top to the length of the letter tray. In the following case, the compaction is approximately 75%.



## 7. <u>EQUIPMENT</u>

Space has been provided for recording data on typewriters, calculators and phones which may be present either on top of or in the desk.

- a. For typewriters record whether it is electric or manual, whether the typing element is a ball or distinct keys (typing bar), the carriage length and the base dimensions. Note, in some cases the carriage length in inches may be marked directly on the machine. Accessory units such as magnetic card or tape units used with the typewriter should be recorded as miscellaneous items and their weight estimated.
- b. For calculators record whether it is manual or electric, whether it has a paper tape, whether it has a mechanical dial read out or an illuminated electronic read out and the base dimensions.

c. For telephones record if it is a personal phone or a call director (a call director is a phone which has more than 6 push buttons), select the number of buttons and the appropriate number of telephone units.

Other pieces of equipment, such as dictating machines, tape recorders, projectors, slide carosels, etc., should be recorded on a copy of Form C which would be then inserted immediately following the desk form.

### 8. ENCLOSED CONTENTS

Enclosed contents include all material contained in the drawers of the desk. The procedure for paper, books, and equipment is the same as as that for free contents. Note that this data will be recorded separately for each drawer in the desk. The same instructions as for free contents also apply for enclosed contents. For the case in which folders are filed vertically in the file drawer in the desk, the % compaction is simply the ratio of the length of folders to the length of the drawer.

### 9. OTHER ENCLOSED CONTENTS

The Special Items (JIC) space should be used to record data on the other enclosed contents. Small items such as paper clips, pencils, personal pictures, etc., should be aggregated into a group and recorded as a single item. One block of the four JIC spaces provided should be used for each aggregate.

The multiple choice section should be used to indicate combustibility for these aggregates. For non-combustible items, mark "one" under the multiple choice. For combustible items, mark "two." The length, width, and height to the nearest inch should be recorded for the aggregate. For irregular shaped objects, use average dimensions.

Finally the weight should be estimated as accurately as possible. Obviously for heavier items it will not be reasonable to estimate the weight to the nearest pound.

For each table in the room a separate data form will be completed. This form should be used for the usual types of tables consisting of a top, four legs or pedestal and possibly a center drawer such as a conference table, work tables, typing tables, coffee tables and end tables. Special types of tables such as drafting tables, specially designed tables with a double pedestal base instead of four legs, or a single pedestal, should be recorded on Form 7 for miscellaneous items.

Information to be recorded for tables includes type of table, proximity to the wall, type of material for the legs and top, dimensions of the table top, height of the table, free contents on top of the table and enclosed contents in a center drawer.

## 1. TABLE TYPE

Select the most appropriate table type either single pedestal or with legs. See previous illustrations. Note as shown on these sketches several types of units commonly referred to as Tables do not fall in this category and should be recorded as miscellaneous items.

### 2. PROXIMITY TO WALL

If any part of the table is within 2 ft. of a wall select 2 ft. or less. Otherwise select more than 2 ft.

## 3. TABLE MATERIAL TYPE

Select the most appropriate material type for both the table top and the legs or pedestal. Formica or plastic laminates should be ignored in making this selection.

### 4. TABLE DIMENSIONS

Measure the length, width and height of the table to the nearest inch. The table height is the distance from the floor to the top of the table. Include any folding table leaves in the length and width dimensions for the table top. For non-rectangular tables record the appropriate length and width of a rectanguar table having the same surface area.

### 5. DRAWERS

Record whether the table has a drawer.

### 6. FREE CONTENTS

Items on top of the table such as paper, books, equipment, etc. should be recorded in the same manner as described previously for desks.

### 7. EQUIPMENT

Typewriters, calculators and phones on the table or in the center drawer should be recorded in the same manner as described previously for desks.

### 8. ENCLOSED CONTENTS

Items contained in a center drawer in the table should be recorded in the same manner as described previously for desks.

For each cabinet in the room a separate data form will be completed. Where several individual cabinet units are stacked, use a separate sheet for each separate unit.

A cabinet is a storage unit which is enclosed on all sides (enclosed on 6 sides). It may have shelves or drawers inside. If one or more sides of the unit are glass it will not be considered a cabinet, but would be treated as shelving using Form 5. See the illustrations accompanying these instructions.

The data to be recorded for cabinets include the type of cabinet, its proximity to the wall, the type of cabinet material, the number of drawers and/or shelves, the cabinet dimensions, and information on the contents of the cabinet (enclosed contents) and the material on the top of the cabinet (free contents).

### 1. CABINET TYPE

Select the most appropriate type for the cabinet:

- a. filing -a cabinet designed to store legal or letter size files.
- b. file safe -a safe used for the storage of files This type of cabinet will generally have a combination lock, be made of sturdy material and appear quite heavy.
- c. blueprint- a cabinet with drawers designed to store blueprints, plans, maps or other large pieces of paper.
- d. card file- a cabinet with drawers designed to store index card files.
- e. general purpose all other types of cabinets not described above, including cabinets with shelves and drawers.

### 2. PROXIMITY TO WALL

If any part of the cabinet is within 2 ft of a wall, select 2 ft. or less. Otherwise select more than 2 ft.

#### 3. CABINET MATERIAL TYPE

Select the most appropriate material type. If it is difficult to determine the type of material used, the underside or edges of drawers or shelves should be checked.

#### 4, 5. NUMBER OF DRAWERS AND/OR SHELVES

Record the total number of drawers and/or shelves in the unit.

#### 6. CABINET DIMENSIONS

The depth, width and height of the cabinet should be measured to the nearest inch.

#### 7. DRAWER TYPE

The number of each type of drawer (box, file, personal) is to be recorded. See the instructions for desks for a description of each of the types of drawers.

#### 8. FREE CONTENTS

Items on top of the cabinet should be recorded in the same manner as described previously for desks.

### 9. EQUIPMENT

Typewriters, calculators, and phones on the cabinet or enclosed in the cabinet should be recorded in the same manner as previously described for desks.

## 10 ENCLOSED CONTENTS

Items within the cabinet should be recorded in the same manner as described previously for desks.

For each distinct group of shelves (including bookcases) a separate data form will be completed.

There are two categories of shelving as follows:

- a. Bookcases A distinct item of furniture including built in units in which all the contents are enclosed on five sides. Bookcases enclosed on a sixth side with a glass door are included. Note that built in units should be considered as miscellaneous items and Form 7 used to record the data i.e., the weight should be estimated.
- b. Free shelving shelving in which all the contents are not enclosed on five sides. For example, shelves which hang on a wall.

### 1. SHELVING CATEGORY

Select the type of shelving, i.e. bookcase or free shelving.

### 2. PROXIMITY TO WALL

If any part of the shelving is within 2 feet of a wall, select 2 feet or less, otherwise select more than 2 feet.

### 3. SHELVING MATERIAL TYPE

Select the most appropriate type of shelving material. If there is a problem discriminating between types of material, the undersides or edges of shelves will be a useful indicator of the actual material type.

## 4. SHELVING DIMENSIONS

The depth, width and height for the group of shelves should be recorded to the nearest inch.

## 5, 8. FREE CONTENTS

Provisions have been made for recording data on paper, books, type-writers, calculators and phones, which may be present on each shelf.or on top of the bookcases. In cases where other miscellaneous items may be present on the shelves, the Special Items section on the back of the form should be used in the same manner as described for desks. Similarly, if miscellaneous material is stored on top of a bookcase, it should be aggregated with items on other furniture and recorded using Form #7 Miscellaneous (see instructions for Form #7).

- a. For each shelf select the type of material (paper or books) which represents the major portion (over 50%) of the material. In this case paper refers to unbound items. Select the appropriate size from the choices listed. If various sizes occur on the shelf, select the most representative (average) size.
- b. Record the length of the stack of books or paper on that shelf to the nearest inch.
- c. If the books or papers are not tightly compacted on the shelf, estimate a % compaction to the nearest 10% as the ratio of the length of the paper or books if they were tightly compressed to the actual length.
- d. For miscellaneous items on any of the shelves use Form C to record these items. In this case it will not be possible to record these for each shelf but rather use a single form or more if necessary to report all the items associated with the bookcase or group of shelves.

### 6. EQUIPMENT

Typewriters, calculators and phones on the shelves should be recorded in the same manner as described previously for desks.

### 7. NUMBER OF SHELVES

The first Special Items (JIC) category on the back of the form is to be used to record the number of shelves. Use the "Estimated Weight in Pounds" section of the first category to record the number of shelves i.e., disregard the heading on the form and assume it to be labeled "Number of Shelves".

#### SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM #6 SEATING

For each seating type in the room a separate data form will be completed. Note that the form provides for recording up to nine different seating types in one room.

The data to be recorded for seating include the seating type, proximity of the seating to the wall, the number of seats, the frame seat and back material, the presence of arms, whether the back, seat or arms are padded, and dimensions.

#### SEATING TYPE

Select the most appropriate type of seating (see previous illustrations).

- a. Pedestal has a pedestal base
- b. Legs stands on four stationary legs.
- c. Upholstered all visable surfaces of the chair excluding possibly the legs & seat bottom, are covered by fabric. Seats only one individual.
- d. Sofa upholstered seating designed to seat more than one individual.
- e. Bench seating unit with no arms or back.
- f. Drafting stool unit in which the seat is more than 2 ft. above the floor. Drafting stools usually do not have arms.
- g. Classroom chair chair which has one arm that serves as a writing table.

### 2. PROXIMITY TO WALL

If any part of the seat is within 2 feet of a wall select 2 feet or less. Otherwise select more than 2 feet. Direct measurement to determine this information is only necessary where the choice is not obvious. The location of the majority of chairs (50% or more) should be used in making this selection.

#### 3. NUMBER OF ABOVE TYPE

Designate total number of seating units of the type checked above in the room. If there are several seating units which are connected count each unit separately as shown in the illustrations.

### 4. MATERIAL TYPE

#### A. Frame

The frame outlines the entire shape of the seating unit. It includes the seating unit base and exterior structure of the chair. Check the most predominant visable frame material.

#### B. Seat

Select the type of material the seat is made of. Ignore cushions or paddings as these will be dealt with later. If there is no padding, the seat material will be visible from the top side of the seat. If the item is padded or has a cushion, check the bottom of the seat to determine the seat material. In some instances there will be no seat material only a frame and cushion. If this is the case, leave this section blank.

### C. Back

Select the type of material the back is made of. Ignore cushions or paddings as these will be dealt with later. If there is no padding, the back material will be visible. If the item is padded or has a cushion, check the back side of the back to determine the back material. In some instances there will be no back material only a frame and cushion. If this is the case, leave this section blank.

## 5. OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

Select only those characteristics below which apply to the particular seating unit being recorded on this sheet

- a. with arms seating unit has arms
- b. without arms seating unit has no arms
- c. padded back the seating unit has padding or a cushion on the front of the back. Select the most appropriate type of padding material-vinyl or fabric.

- d. padded seat the seating unit has padding or a cushion on the top of the seat. Select the most appropriate type of padding material, vinyl or fabric.
- e. padded arms the seating unit has padding or a cushion on the top of the arms. Select the most appropriate type of padding material, vinyl, fabric, or wood.

#### 6. BASE DIMENSIONS

Record the length and width of the base of the chair at the floor level. These dimensions will be the distances between the four outermost legs or points of contact with the floor. The height of the top of the chair back to the floor should also be recorded.

#### 7. FREE CONTENTS

Where items such as paper, books or equipment are piled on chairs insert the appropriate form, Forms A and/or B following the seating form and record data on these forms. In this case the designation "Extra sheet" at the top of Forms A, B, is to be checked and the Misc. Item No. corresponding to the seating type number on the seating form is to be checked to indicate which seats the items are piled on.

#### SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORM #7 - MISCELLANEOUS

This form is to be used for separate items which have not been included as furniture on Forms 2 - 6. Items which would be included on this form are waste baskets, copying machines, attache cases, tape recorders, visual aids, dictaphone, "L" desk attachments, tables with two pedestals, etc.

### 1. ITEM NUMBER

Each item recorded should be numbered. The first item on the form would be numbered 1, all other items should be given consecutive numbers.

### 2. DESCRIPTION

Two or three descriptive words should be written on the form indicating the type of item.

#### 3. COMBUSTIBLE NON-COMBUSTIBLE

If 50% or more of the material comprising the item will burn, it should be marked as combustible. Otherwise non-combustible should be recorded.

### 4. PROXIMITY TO WALL

If any part of the item is within 2 ft. of a wall, select 2 ft. or less. Otherwise select more than 2 ft.

## 5. DIMENSIONS

The length, width and height of the item should be recorded to the nearest inch. For irregular shaped objects "average" dimensions should be recorded.

## 6. ESTIMATE OF WEIGHT

The total weight of each item should be estimated. Estimate small items to the nearest pound and large items accordingly.

### 7. FREE CONTENTS, ENCLOSED CONTENTS AND EQUIPMENT

If there is paper, books or equipment on top of the item or enclosed within the item, Forms A and/or B should be used by inserting them following Form 7. In this case, the section headed "Miscellaneous Item Number" on Forms A, B, should be used to indicate which item the free or enclosed contents are associated with. The procedure for recording enclosed contents other than paper, books or equipment should be the same as indicated in the instructions for Forms 2 - 6, i.e. the Special Items section on the back of Form 7 should be used.

#### NOTE

Form 7 may also be used to record the aggregate of free contents on top of furniture items. Use of this aggregation procedure will expedite the survey in that it will not be necessary to record separately all the various small items such as flower pots, staplers, tape dispensers, etc. usually found on top of furniture. In aggregating this material, the following four spearate categories should be used to distinguish the important characteristics

- 1. Non-comb, 2 ft. or less
- 2. Non-comb, more than 2 ft.
- 3. Comb., 2 ft. or less
- 4. Comb., more than 2 ft.

After aggregating the free contents into these groups, one separate copy of Form 7 should be used to record all the data. Each group should be considered to be a separate miscellaneous item and the combustibility, proximity to the wall, dimensions of the aggregate, and the estimated weight recorded. To indicate that the data recorded refers to an aggregation, write aggregate in the blanks provided on Form 7 and also mark "one" on the back of the form in the multiple choice section of the first Special Item category.

#### SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORMS A, B, AND C

These forms are to be used in conjunction with Forms 2 through 7. They provide space for recording additional data for those cases in which there is insufficient space available on Forms 2 through 7. Form A deals with paper and books; Form B with typewriters, calculators, and telephones; Form C with other items.

To use these forms simply insert one or more immediately following the appropriate form for which it is necessary to record additional data. Indicate that it is an extra sheet by checking the section "extra sheet" at the top and record the data in the same manner as described in the instructions for Forms 2 - 7. Forms A and B may also be used for free contents such as paper, books, typewriters, calculators, and telephones which are not associated with any other item (e.g., paper piled on the floor or window sill, etc.). In this case, check the "separate item" category at the top of the sheet.

It will be necessary to indicate whether the data on Forms A, B, or C refer to free or enclosed contents by marking each item accordingly. A second space marked 2' is provided on Forms A and B. This should only be used when these forms are used to record data for separate items not associated with (on top of or in) other items. After checking the first circle indicating the item is free contents, use the second circle to indicate whether the item is less than or equal to 2 ft. from the wall. If the item is greater than 2 ft. from the wall it will not be necessary to indicate this on the form.

Example 1 - Distinct free contents less than 2 ft. from the wall:

separate item •

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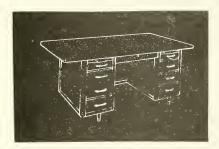
Example 2 - Distinct free contents greater than 2 ft. from the wall separate item. •

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When using Forms A, B, or C in connection with Form 7, also indicate the appropriate miscellaneous item number for which the data is applicable (i.e. with which miscellaneous item the material recorded is associated).

The following pictures have been provided to clarify the types of items included in each category. Also shown are several examples of items commonly referred to as being in the category but which have been excluded due to the nature of the conversion factors which will be used to convert the survey data to weight. These excluded items are to be accounted for by treating them as miscellaneous items using Form 7.

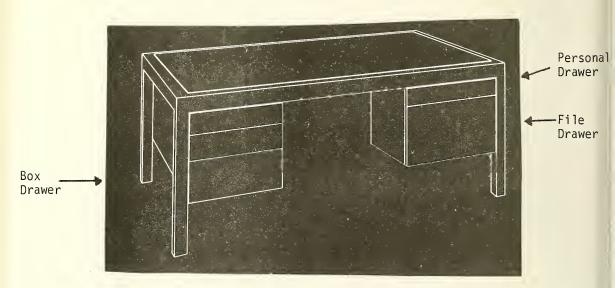
### DESKS



Double Pedestal



Single Pedestal



Legs

Record Desk on Form 2

L unit as Misc. on Form 7



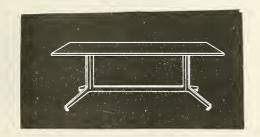
## TABLES



Pedestal



Legs





## CABINETS



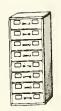
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Lateral File - Treat as File

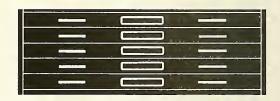


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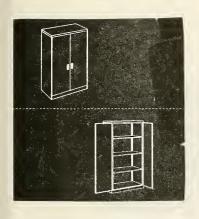
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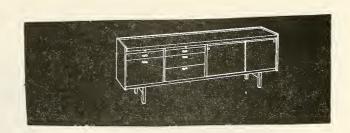






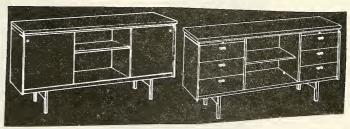
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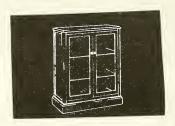
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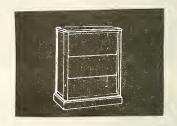
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Free Shelving





Bookcase

## SEATING



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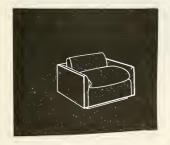
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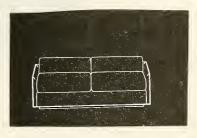
Legs (without arms)



Legs (with arms)



Upholstered



Sofa



Bench (Note: record as 4 benches)



Drafting Stool



Classroom Chair



Legs

(Note: record as 4 items of same type)

### TYPEWRITERS

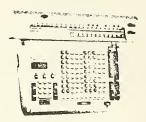




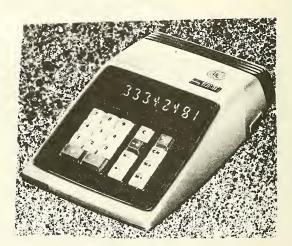
magnetic card unit

Record typewriter and table separately, treat magnetic card unit as miscellaneous item

# CALCULATORS



Dial Read out



Illuminated Read out

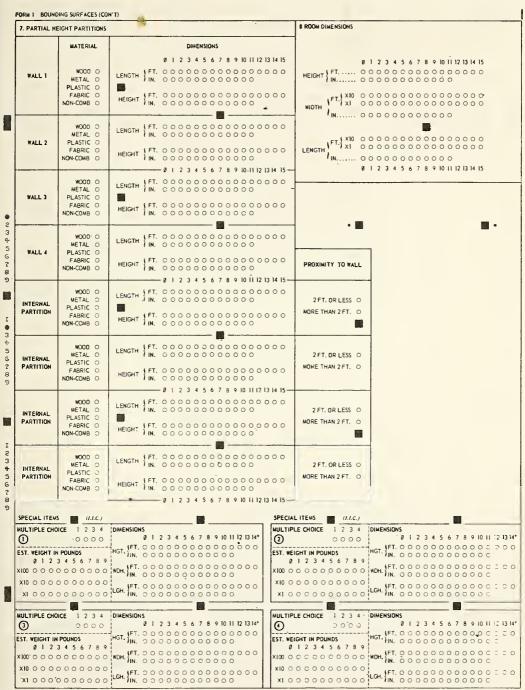


Illuminated Read out with tape

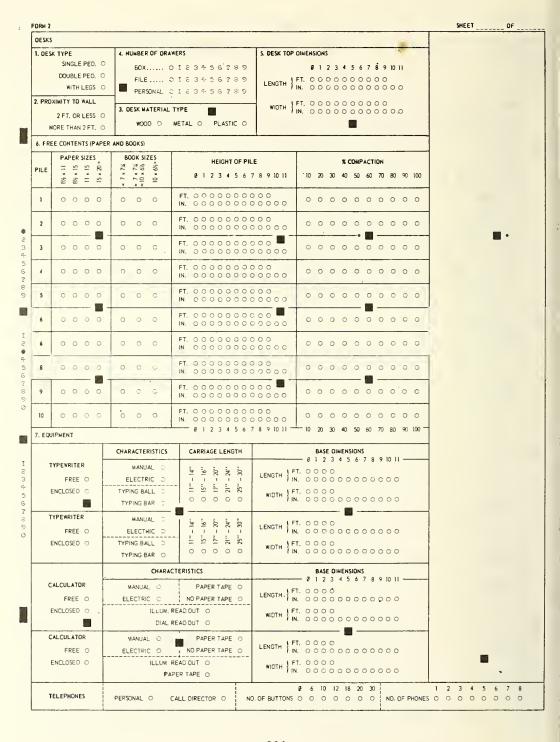


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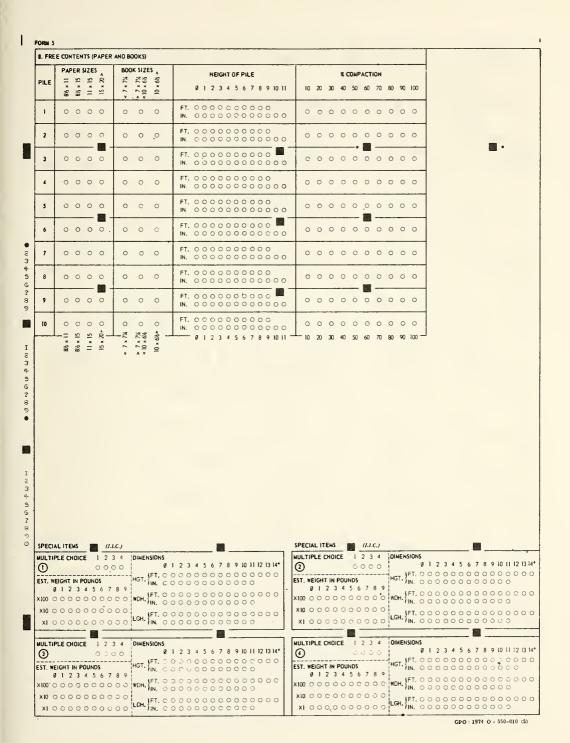
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